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Cross Roads Presbyterian Church	R-3, Mebane, N. C.
First Presbyterian Church of Burlington	W. Davis St., Burlington, N. C.
Hawfields Presbyterian Church	Swepsonville-Mebane Rd., Mebane, N. C.
Mebane Presbyterian Church	400 S. Fifth St., Mebane, N. C.
Park Avenue Presbyterian Church	W. Webb Avenue, Burlington, N. C.
Piedmont Presbyterian Church	1001 Rainey St., Burlington, N. C.
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CROSS ROADS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Route Three

Mebane, North Carolina

Rev. William E. Massey, Jr.
Minister

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CROSS ROADS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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The Cross Roads Presbyterian Church is descended primarily from the ancestry who came to this section of the country from Pennsylvania and Maryland in the revival movement in the latter part of the eighteenth century.

One of the early meetings of the old historical Cross Roads Church was a communion service held in August of 1801. The stated minister, William Paisley, was assisted by a Dr. Caldwell and Leonard Pratcher, and by two young licentiates, Hugh Shaw and Ebenezer C. Currie.

There wasn't anything of interest to the group during the days preceding the Sabbath or during the participation of the Lord's Supper. Many prayers were prayed among the Christians that God would bless the group of followers and revive His great work. Then on Monday the 28th of August services were conducted by Pratcher and Shaw without any appearance of emotion from the group according to records that have been preserved. The pastor arose to dismiss the people wanting to express his feelings that nothing had been done in bringing the lost to God. Being overwhelmed with his thoughts of distress that God had not given him any blessing to his people, he stood very silent for a few moments and sat down, as stillness prevailed among the people. In a short while the pastor arose and before anything was uttered a young man from Tennessee who had been interested in the revival and had been telling the people about Cross Roads, raised his hands and cried out, "Stand still and see the Salvation of God."

The testimony of this young man broke the silence of the people. The thoughts of dismissing were all gone, and the remainder of that day was spent in worship, in singing and prayer, and in personal testimonies. The group was so thankful and so happy of what had taken place that it was midnight before the people went to their homes.

Great camp meetings grew out of this experience and lasted for many days and continued in Cross Roads in what was termed its original spirit until 1854.

The first church was a wooden structure located in a beautiful oak grove south of the present cemetery which was the Stainback's Store.

Most of the early records of Cross Roads Church were extinct, having been lost on their way to and from the Presbytery meetings between the years 1818-1820. Latest records show that Cross Roads was probably organized by Rev. Jacob Lake or John Debow in 1783. Official records are from 1792.

The first pastor was the Rev. William Hodges, and the board of elders were: James Mebane, William Bingham, William Mebane, William Murray, Thomas Pendergrast, William Gattis, Elijah Pickard, Peter Walker, John Forest and George Faucette.

Since the early records were burned we have no records, of course, of charter members. Familiar names on the first records are on the record books that are in possession today include: Barnwell, Ector, Cox, Gattis, Hall, Lynch, McAuley, Mitchell, Tate, Walker, and Vincent.

The origin of the church name as far as can be determined originated from the crossing of former stage routes.

There is on file in the Hillsboro Courthouse a deed in conveyance of land from James Morrow, to William Morrow, Alex Anderson, Levi McAll and James Forrest, elders of Cross Roads, dated March 6, 1790. The present church building ground was deeded from John C. Vincent and wife Abeline to Cross Roads Church, August 25, 1877.

From the late eighteenth century to the middle of the nineteenth century the church grew to a membership of about 240, and has remained approximately the same since that time.

There is no record available on when the first building was built (the old Stainback Store). The present building was built in 1878 and the Hut used mainly for Sunday School rooms and built in 1927. An educational building was attached to the church and was completed in 1953.

During this latter remodeling the church was presented a console Hammond organ by the Barnwell Family.

In the early 20th Century the Rev. R. W. Culberson founded the Sunday School in the Woodlawn community as a division of the church. Also an outpost Sunday School at Hickory Grove Community was founded by him.

The church maintains its historic cemetery dating back to the founding of the church. The cemetery has been amply endowed due to the efforts of Dr. W. N. Tate and Joe W. Pickett during the first decade of the twentieth century. Improvement has continued to the present through the constant efforts of the cemetery trustees of the church.

Ministers who have furthered the church, include the following: Rev. William Hodges 1782-99, Rev. William D. Paisley 1801-1818. Rev. Ezekiel B. Currie 1819-42, during which time the Cross Roads Sabbath School was organized; Rev. Anderson G. Hughes 1843-73, during his ministry it is of interest to note he died after having been stricken during a worship service while he was in the pulpit; Rev. Calvin N. Morrow 1874-82, during whose pastorate the brick church in which the congregation today is worshipping was built; Rev. Samuel H. Chester 1884-89; Rev. A. G. Wilson 1890-91; Rev. R. W. Culbertson 1891-1908; Rev. W. O. Sample 1908-1919, during whose pastorate the Ladies Aid was organized with about seventeen members in the year 1909; Rev. W. P. Robertson 1921-1925, during whose pastorate the young people's work was organized; Rev. J. S. Jones 1926-1939, during whose pastorate the present Hut was built in 1927; Rev. L. T. Edgerton 1939-1949, during whose pastorate the groundwork was laid for the educational building; Rev. J. T. Donnell 1950-56, during whose pastorate the educational building used now was built; and Rev. William E. Massey, Jr. who assumed the pastorate in 1958.

The Building Committee for the present church building was William J. Murray, Andrew Murray, James W. Lea, Robert A. Hodge, William P. Barnwell, James Anderson, and William Walker. The Building Committee for the educational building completed in 1953 included: A. H. Lambert, Mrs. Howard Cates, C. A. Craddock, and L. L. Patton.

Among those who contributed to living endowments to Cross Roads are: Mrs. George Maynard, Mrs. Charles Maynard, Dr. and Mrs. W. N. Tate, Andrew Maynard, Tessa Maynard, D. L. Boone, Mrs. D. L. Boone, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Sellers, and J. P. Pace.

The Orange Presbytery first met at Cross Roads Church in the spring of 1879, and other meetings were held in 1882, 1887, 1890, 1895, 1924, 1930, 1941 and 1954. In 1957 the Woman's Presbyterial met at Cross Roads.

In 1927 the members of the church contributed their time and labor to build the first educational hut. Also, a part of the permanent record the notation that several items such as pulpit furniture, communion sets, chimes for the organ, and windows were given as memorials.

In 1958 the old manse property was sold and a new manse built on three acres of land donated by Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Boone, D. L. Boone, Jr., and Miss Tessa Maynard. The building committee for this project included: Dr. C. M. Sellars, J. D. Wall, John J. Berry, Stanley C. Craddock, and Mrs. J. W. Bowland.

H I S T O R Y

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Of

Burlington, North Carolina
(1857 - 1959)

Rev. Chester Alexander, Pastor

Prepared By

Joan Brock

1959

HISTORY - FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Burlington, North Carolina

Organization and Early Development (1857-1889)

The first Presbyterian religious services in Burlington were held when the shops of the North Carolina Railroad were being erected in what was then called the Company Shops Community.

Rev. Archibald Currie, pastor of the Graham Presbyterian Church, began preaching in 1857 in the open wood shed of the Company Shops on Sunday afternoons to those who were employed in the erection of the buildings.

As more families moved into the community, a new school building was constructed on Maple Avenue, about a block from the present Maple Avenue School. Here, Presbyterians joined various other denominational groups for religious services. Later, combined services were held in the Masonic lodge room over the supply store, and in the dining room and parlor of the hotel.

During this period, Rev. Currie preached on two Sunday nights in each month to congregations composed mainly of the employees of the shops. Methodists, Baptists and Lutherans joined the Presbyterians in these services, as ministers from the various denominations preached to the group.

On June 15, 1879, the Presbyterians were organized as a church by a committee of the Orange Presbytery, composed of Rev. J. H. Fitzgerald, Rev. B. W. Mebane and Ruling Elder W. C. Donnell.

Rev. B. W. Mebane, pastor of the Graham Presbyterian Church, served the new church as stated supply in the old Union Church building on two Sunday nights each month from its organization in 1879 to July 4, 1880. Rev. Mebane was employed at a salary of \$50 a year.

There were 18 charter members of the Company Shops Presbyterian Church, with 15 having removed their church letters from Graham Presbyterian Church.

The 18 charter members were: Mr. and Mrs. John Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. William D. Faucette, Mrs. Mary B. Moore, Miss Annie R. Moore, Miss Rosa B. Montgomery, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Piper, Miss Ella M. Piper, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Rippy, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas S. Robertson, Misses Sarah J. and Mary L. Robertson and John W. Sharpe.

At the first meeting of the Session on June 30, 1879, John Anderson was elected first Clerk. The first Ruling Elders were John W. Rippy and John Anderson. In 1886, Mr. Anderson transferred by letter to Hendersonville, but Mr. Rippy served as Ruling Elder for many years.

On March 7, 1880, the first Sessional Report was presented to Orange Presbytery as follows:

Number of Elders.....	2
Number of Deacons.....	2
Communicants added on examination.....	1
Communicants added on certificate.....	24
Total communicants.....	25
Adults baptized.....	1
Infants baptized.....	5
Number of baptized non-communicants.....	8

Funds Collected

Sustentation.....	\$ 4.87 $\frac{1}{2}$
Invalid.....	1.57 $\frac{1}{2}$
Foreign missions.....	6.37 $\frac{1}{2}$
Education.....	2.37 $\frac{1}{2}$
Publication.....	.20
Pastor's salary actually paid.....	42.00
Congregation	42.97
Miscellaneous	33.00

For 15 and three-quarter years, no full-time pastor was employed by the church. On June 5, 1881, after a vacancy of nearly a year, Rev. George Summey, pastor of Graham Presbyterian Church, succeeded Rev. Mebane as stated supply and served until March 17, 1884. At the time of his withdrawal, the church membership had increased to 46.

Following another vacancy of one year, on September 27, 1885, Rev. Cornelius Miller was elected pastor, while also serving the Church of Alamance. During his period of service, four Ruling Elders were chosen. They were W. W. White, J. A. McCauley, J. W. Sharpe and J. D. Bason.

The name of the church was changed from Company Shops Presbyterian Church to the Burlington Presbyterian Church on March 27, 1887. During these same years, the church continued to grow and a Sunday School was organized apart from the Union Sunday School.

At the end of Rev. Miller's pastorate on January 1, 1889, the church roll numbered 57.

Era of Expansion (1889-1906)

The years of 1889-1906 marked an era of growth and expansion for the Burlington Presbyterian Church.

Rev. James L. Currie became the church's fifth pastor, while serving a charge composed of the Springwood and Stony Creek churches.

Meanwhile, other denominational groups had begun to expand and many had purchased land from the railroad company for the erection of churches. The Presbyterians kept pace with the other denominations, and soon, plans were envisioned for their own church building.

Book 13, Page 581, in the office of the Register of Deeds reveals that the North Carolina Railroad Company sold 35/100 of an acre at the corner of Front and Church Streets to John W. Sharpe, W. W. Rippy, James H. Holt, John A. Barnwell and W. W. Lasley, trustees of the Burlington Presbyterian Church, for the sum of \$25.

At that time, the Presbyterians separated from Union Church, which was the community meeting house, and began constructing their own building. On the fourth Sunday in June 1891, the congregation entered the completed structure for the first time and publicly dedicated it to the worship of God.

When Rev. Currie left the Burlington church on August 17, 1894, he had indeed witnessed the beginning of an era of expansion.

Rev. M. M. Shields became the church's first full-time pastor on March 31, 1895, and served until February 1897.

During that time, the bench of Ruling Elders was increased by the ordination and installation of B. R. Sellars and the installation of D. F. Morrow, Armstrong Tate and J. L. Wilson, formerly Ruling Elders in Bethlehem, Graham and Stony Creek churches.

The Board of Deacons was increased by the addition of Dr. T. S. Faucette, J. A. Barnwell, E. C. Holt, C. E. McLean, and T. L. Holt. The membership totaled 130 in March, 1896.

During Rev. Shield's ministry, a mission chapel was built in the Elmira Mills community and later named the Second Presbyterian Church. This church was formerly organized in 1913, and its name was later changed to Park Avenue Presbyterian Church.

Within the next eight years, the Burlington Presbyterian Church was led by three pastors, beginning in May, 1897, with Rev. M. W. Doggett who served until May, 1900.

Rev. O. G. Jones served a brief term from August 3, 1900, to June 9, 1901, and was then succeeded by Rev. M. C. Arrowood, who served from March 1, 1902, until September 24, 1905.

Under the guidance of these three ministers, 35 new members were received into the church, and on April 8, 1906--nearly 50 years after the first Presbyterian religious services were held in Burlington, the following statistical report was made to the Presbytery:

Number of Elders.....	7
Number of Deacons.....	7
Communicants added on examination.....	1
Communicants added on certificate.....	5
Total communicants.....	165
Adults baptised.....	1
Infants baptised.....	3
Baptized non-communicants.....	27
Officers and teachers in Sabbath School and Bible Class	19
Scholars in Sabbath School.....	172
Members in Young People's Societies.....	67

Funds Collected

Foreign Missions.....	\$ 140.00
Assembly's Home Missions.....	16.00
Local Home Missions.....	163.00
Colored evangelization.....	6.00
Ministerial relief.....	10.00
Education.....	119.00
Publication and Sabbath School work	11.00
Bible cause.....	4.00
Presbyterial.....	18.00
Pastor's salary actually paid.....	475.00
Congregational.....	317.00

Missionary Years (1906-1921)

The 15 years during which Rev. Donald McIver served in Burlington might well be termed the "missionary years" because the church continued to expand, its force was felt throughout the area and four mission chapels were organized into churches.

On August 5, 1913, the Orange Presbytery met in Elmira Chapel, which was built during Rev. Shield's ministry, to organize a church. Rev. McIver and Elder J. D. Bason were present from the Burlington Presbyterian Church.

A petition, signed by 19 members of the Burlington church, asking to be organized into a separate church, was read, and 18 charter members were received by certificate from the Burlington congregation.

Four of these transferring members were elected to office by the congregation. J. G. Pritchett and H. L. Thomas became the church's first Elders and J. M. Miller and J. R. Whitley its first Deacons.

The church originally was named the Elmira Presbyterian Church, but later, it became known as the Second Presbyterian Church, and today it is Park Avenue Presbyterian Church.

Four years later, two missions were organized into churches within the same year. Rev. McIver served as stated supply for both of these churches until regular pastors were secured.

On the evening of January 15, 1917, a commission composed of Rev. McIver, Rev. S. M. Rankin and Ruling Elder T. C. Johnston met to organize a church at Piedmont. The meeting was opened with a sermon by Rev. William Black.

It was organized with 47 charter members, 46 received by certificate and one upon profession of faith. All 46 of the charter members received by certificate came from the Burlington Presbyterian Church.

J. M. Workman, R. L. Barnwell and C. C. Brown were elected and ordained Ruling Elders. O. G. Thompson, R. G. Ausley and J. W. Glosson were elected and ordained Deacons.

Piedmont Presbyterian Church was selected as the name for the new organization.

Less than a month following the organization of Piedmont, a commission including Rev. McIver, Rev. Rankin and Ruling Elders J. W. Sharp and P. E. Morrow met on the afternoon of February 11, 1917, at Eldermont school house to organize another church. Rev. Rankin preached the opening sermon.

The Eldermont Church was organized with 18 charter members, 10 being received on certificate and eight on profession of faith. Two members from the Burlington Presbyterian Church were received by certificate as charter members.

T. H. McPherson and P. A. Sharp were elected and ordained Ruling Elders, and A. S. Ingle and J. S. Sharp were elected and ordained Deacons.

Organization of the East Burlington Presbyterian Church was effected four years later on the evening of August 22, 1921, on the open site of the present building.

Rev. McIver presided over the meeting which was attended by Rev. W. P. McCorkle, Rev. E. N. Caldwell and Rev. S. M. Rankin, along with Elders Barnwell, Morrow and Tate of the Burlington First Church.

Commencing its life with 16 charter members, the church received six members on certificate from the Burlington First Church.

William J. Horn and Thomas P. Wilson were elected and ordained Ruling Elders, and John W. Rice was elected and installed a Deacon.

Meanwhile, the mother church--the First Presbyterian Church--was enlarging her own facilities.

Meeting on February 21, 1909, the Session appointed J. A. Barnwell, J. M. Browning, Lyn B. Williamson, R. E. L. Holt and Lyn Whitted as a committee to solicit funds for remodeling the church building.

B. R. Sellars, J. M. Browning, and Lynn B. Williamson were appointed to a committee to confer with architects, and they were instructed to ask an architect to give plans for not less than a \$7,000 building. The building was enlarged in 1909 and dedicated in 1914, with Dr. Walter W. Moore delivering the sermon of dedication.

In April, 1912 a pipe organ was purchased at a cost of \$2,000 with the congregation paying \$1,000 and the Carnegie Foundation paying the remaining \$1,000.

The church roll had grown to a total of 160 by 1912, and it was this small membership that erected the red brick church that adorned the corner of Church and Front streets for many years until the present edifice was completed in 1953.

Dr. McIver served the First Presbyterian Church from July 5, 1906 until September 1, 1921. At the end of his ministry, the church membership had increased to 351.

Growing with Burlington (1921-1942)

With the growth of Burlington into a prosperous city, opportunities for the First Presbyterian Church were enlarged and became more challenging.

The church received its share of newcomers to the city, as the membership increased to 410 by 1933.

Rev. W. R. Potter was pastor of the church during these first 12 years of its new era of growth. Serving from December, 1921, to October, 1, 1933, Rev. Potter witnessed plans for building and remodeling during his first year of ministry.

It was on November 12, 1922, that E. C. Holt, chairman of a committee for remodeling the church and building additional Sunday School rooms, recommended the purchase of the Guthrie lot adjoining the church property and the building of a log hut.

The committee further recommended that the congregation raise \$10,000 to cover the costs of building and remodeling. The hut was completed during the same year at a cost of approximately \$12,000.

Dr. J. R. McGregor was called to serve the church in May, 1934 and he served until June, 1942. He thus became the second pastor to serve the church during this new period of growth.

It was during his ministry that plans were initiated for the construction of a new church building. The building fund campaign was begun in 1940, with W. H. May, Sr. contributing \$3,500 to start the program.

During this period, the building committee studied various locations for a new church site and church leaders and members worked earnestly to meet campaign goals.

It was then that the First Presbyterian Church took its place among the stronger churches in the Synod, as the church roll increased to 940.

On April 16, 1942, just one month before Dr. McGregor's resignation, the following report was made to Presbytery meeting in the First Presbyterian Church.

Number of Elders.....	18
Number of Deacons.....	18
Enrollment reported last year.....	891
Added on profession.....	27
Added on certificate.....	48
Total.....	966
Lost by death.....	5
Lost by dismissal.....	21
Total losses.....	26
Net membership.....	940
Adult baptisms.....	21
Infant baptisms.....	16
Total enrollment of Sunday School.....	633
Family worship.....	100

Funds Contributed

Foreign missions.....	\$ 1807.
Assembly's Home missions.....	872.
Christian Ed. and ministerial relief.....	475.
Assembly's training school for lay workers...	174.
Bible cause.....	21.
Synod's Home missions.....	501.
Synod and Presbytery's religious ed.....	122.
Homes.....	2545.
Educational institutions.....	468.
Presbytery's Home missions.....	1050.
Total benevolence.....	8165.
Pastor's salary.....	4200.
Current expense.....	9001.
Building expense.....	742.
Miscellaneous contributions.....	920.
Assembly's religious education and publication	130.
Grand total.....	\$ 23028.

Thus, Dr. McGregor's ministry was enhanced by an enlarged staff of workers, a noted numerical increase and the initiation of a building campaign, as the First Presbyterian Church continued to grow with Burlington.

The Latter Years (1942-1959)

On Sunday morning, September 27, 1942, the congregation of the First Presbyterian Church unanimously voted to extend a pastoral call to Dr. Chester Alexander, then serving the Howard Memorial Presbyterian Church of Tarboro.

The report and recommendation was made by J. E. Williams, chairman of the pulpit committee.

Dr. Alexander accepted the call and was installed as pastor of the First Presbyterian Church on Sunday morning, November 1, 1942. The installation service was conducted by a commission appointed by the Presbytery and included Rev. C. E. Hodgkin and Rev. A. V. Gibson of Sanford, Rev. O. C. Williamson of High Point and Elder J. Harvey White of Graham.

Dr. Alexander is now serving his seventeenth year as pastor of the First Presbyterian Church.

While many of the church's young men were overseas fighting for freedom of religion during the Second World War, their hometown church took advantage of this freedom in developing its Home Mission interests.

As a result of the construction of a defense plant and housing project on the west side of the city, in 1943, Dr. Alexander pointed out the need for a new church in the area.

A small Sunday School was established in the community building of the apartment development serving the defense plant. In approximately two years, Dr. and Mrs. W. C. McLauchlin, then serving the Piedmont Church during their forced exile from the mission field, took over the work.

Through the general help of the Home Mission Committee, a small chapel was completed in 1947.

Rev. C. Linwood Cheshire, pastor of the Park Avenue Church, began conducting services on Sunday evenings. In October of 1948, the church, formerly known as Kirkpatrick Heights, was organized as Northside Presbyterian Church.

Rev. Cheshire continued to serve as supply pastor until the summer of 1950. With aid from the Home Mission Committee, the church then purchased a manse and called Rev. G. Aiken Taylor to be its first full-time pastor.

In 1945, the congregation of the First Presbyterian Church once again turned its attention to building plans. The building fund was soon re-activated and plans progressed for the new church building.

On Easter of the same year, the W. H. May, Sr., property at 414 West Davis Street was purchased as the building lot at a cost of \$37,500.

Six years later, on Sunday morning, April 15, 1951, the congregation authorized the building committee to enter into a \$551,000 contract with H. Frank Mitchell & Son, H. Frank Mitchell, Jr., for construction of the new church. This contract did not include the electrical, air-conditioning or landscaping contracts.

A noted architect, Harold E. Wagoner of Philadelphia, was then employed to lead the congregation in designing the new church and in planning its furnishings.

Elected in a joing meeting of the Elders and Deacons in 1950, the building committee consisted of 12 members. Ralph M. Holt, Sr. served as chairman and treasurer of the committee and Dr. Chester Alexander served as an ex-officio member.

Other members included T. D. Cooper, Sr., G. E. Barker, C. E. Scott, C. V. Sharpe, W. H. May, Jr., T. S. Neal, Rudy Forville, J. S. May, L. D. Tucker, and Mrs. R. W. Barnwell, Sr.

In May of 1953, the new First Presbyterian Church--with its spacious lawns, towering trees and spire pointing skyward--was completed at a cost of approximately three-quarters of a million dollars.

The Service of Consecration was held on Sunday morning, June 7, 1953, with Dr. Alexander and Dr. T. Henry Patterson, Executive secretary of Orange Presbytery, participating.

From 3 until 5 o'clock on Sunday afternoon and from 8:30 until 9:30 o'clock that night, the church was opened to visitors and the public was invited to see the beautiful, new House of God.

Also, that same Sunday evening, the new church was the scene of the summer's first union church service.

Today, 80 years after its organization in 1879, the First Presbyterian Church has grown to a total of over 1,018 members and its majestic spire continues to reach upward to invite all who pass to come and "worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness."

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CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Chester Alexander, D. D.	Minister
Laurence B. Hedgpath, Jr.	Organist
Frances Pritchett	Executive Secretary
Arnold Wagoner	Custodian

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H I S T O R Y
HAWFIELDS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Swepsonville-Mebane Rd.

Mebane, N. C.

By

Mrs. W. Kerr Scott
(1960)

HAWFIELDS PRESEBYTERIAN CHURCH

By

Mrs. W. Kerr Scott

1960

Hawfields, the church home of the early Presbyterian settlers, originally was much larger than now. It, together with Eno, occupied all the land from the Eno to the Haw.

It was one of the first settlements in Piedmont, North Carolina. As early as November 6, 1728, E. Mosley, an agent of Lord Granville, patented 10,000 acres of land in "Haw Old Fields". This was conveyed to George Burrington, Governor of North Carolina, and Samual Strudwick, in the Parish of Saint Marylenborne. Strudwick, in turn, sold land to settlers as they came in. The first of these was Gilbert Strayhorn. He was soon followed by many others.

The people were of Scotch decent, and many came from Pennsylvania and the Delaware River Valley.

Although they came for economic reasons, they were characterized by an intense love for their religion and their belief in education. The church and the school sprang up side by side wherever they went, and were the center of the community life.

The Rev. Hugh McAden's journal states that on August 22, 1755, he drove from Eno to Hawfields where he preached on the fourth Sabbath to a "considerable large congregation". He also records that he preached there again in April of 1756.

Two historians say that the church was probably already established when Rev. McAden first came. They are Hanna in his "History of the Scotch Irish" and Dr. Christy, President of the Delaware State Historical Society.

The settlers' homes varied from one room with a shed to sturdy two stories. For the most part they were built for comfort and convenience, rather than beauty. The kitchen was usually the largest room, serving as parlor, living room, dining room, and work shop.

They were farmers, blacksmiths, wagon makers, weavers and many of the essential skilled trades. Merchants were scarce.* This was a real handicap at that time because transportation was slow.

The first recorded camp meeting in the South was held at Hawfields in 1802. Multitudes came, camping with their wagons and getting their supplies as they could. So great was the interest that the idea spread over the whole upper country of North Carolina, and many places built cabins to accommodate the crowds.

* Lefler & Newsome, History of N. C.

There is no recorded list of charter members. Tradition says that two original elders were Thomas Gill and a Mr. Ray.

The following is a list of Ruling Elders, without date of ordination: Samuel Kirkpatrick, James Tate, James Gill, John Russell, William McDaniel, James A. Craige, Joseph Baker, Eldredge Mebane, Samuel Nelson, Samuel White, John Faucette, Samuel Kerr, and Andrew Murdock.

March 13, 1842: John Nelson, Samuel Scott, David White, John Scott, Stephen White, Samuel Tate, Thomas Tate, John Tate, Steven Glass (Clerk of Session).

September 8, 1850: Joseph Tate, George W. White, James Johtson, David A. Mebane, Henderson Scott.

May 23, 1860: George A. Allen, Dr. B. F. Mebane, Robert Wilson.

July 12, 1874: Armstrong Tate, Thomas C. Johtson, Dr. Alexander Wilson.

March 23, 1879: David W. Kerr, Sam K. Scott.

April 13, 1884: Steven A. White, James P. Kerr, (Clerk of Session)(Dismissed to Miss.), A. V. Craige, J. A. Patton.

May 10, 1897: J. R. White (Clerk of Session), R. W. Scott, E. C. Turner.

There were no Deacons prior to 1866. In December of that year, the following were elected, ordained and installed: Thomas B. Thompson (Treas.), Wm. C. Johtson, Dr. Alex. Wilson, S. A. White, John W. Bason, W. J. Kerr, Jeremiah Bason. Others 1874: Robert Sharpe, Charles J. Kerr. 1884: William H. Bason, A. A. Thompson. 1887: J. C. Johnson, R. W. Scott. 1891: Pleasant Dixon, C. K. Thompson.

The name Hawfields is derived from the last syllable of name of the Sissapahaw River. Lawsons History of N. C., 1709, spells it, Sissapahau.

The site of the first church building was $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles northeast of the present church. It was given by a Mr. Wilson. After it was decided to change the location, this plot was heired by Addison Wilson and later sold to Oscar Wilson, who, in turn, sold it to the church in 1924 for \$50. The deed is recorded in Hillsboro.

The location of the second building in 1780 was in the back part of the present cemetery, and is designated by a granite marker, given by Mr. and Mrs. B. Frank Mebane of Spray, N. C.

The present church was built in 1852. It was located on the "Great Road", leading from Gilberth's bridge to Hillsboro. For this church site, seven acres of land was deeded by George Allen and Solomen Debow.

The number of the early church (1755-1830) membership is not known. In 1830 there were 118 communicants, in 1841 there were 199, in 1850 there were 253, in 1860 there were 224, in 1870 there were 173, and in 1880 there were 184. The falling off between 1860 and 1870 is accounted for by the transfer of colored members into churches of their own at the period of their emancipation and enfranchisement.

Among the early ministers, the names of Hugh McAden and Henry Patillo stand out. Hugh McAden was a leader among the two decades of missionaries who served a group of early churches and has been called the father of Presbyterianism in North Carolina. Henry Patillo was a teacher, textbook writer and a statesman as well as a preacher. He was a delegate to the Provential Congress of 1774 and chaplin of that body. Out of this meeting grew a resolution protesting the taxation of the colonies which later became the "no taxation with representation" slogan of the Revolutionary War.

A few yards from the present church building stands the old Session House. The date of the building is unknown. It was used for the business meetings of the Session. At such meetings, church discipline was enforced, candidates for church membership examined and problems of the community considered. It served as a private school before the day of the public school. James Ira White and T. D. Dupuy were two of the teachers. In later years, it has at times served as a classroom and recreation hall. In 1936, two former Hawfields boys, Sam Johnson of Graham and John Henry Gibson of Durham, repaired and painted the building.

These early Scotch settlers were, of course, known for their thrift as well as their interest in their church and education. Another factor, not so much emphasized, but equally true, was their interest in politics. This latter trait came to a head in the Regulator movement. In this connection, we must remember again that Hawfields of that date was very large indeed and was then a part of Orange County.

Turning to more recent history, we find that church membership in 1933 was 230, in 1945, 332, and in 1958 it was 372.

Buildings Since 1900

In 1906, Dr. B. W. Mebane was pastor of Hawfields, Bethany and Bethlehem. In 1907, under his direction, a substantial two-story manse was built at the present manse site. Previously the minister serving these two congregations had lived in Mebane.

Until 1925, all classes, except the Beginners Class, were held in the sanctuary. During that year the annex to the church was added, providing a room for each class. This was a gift from the children of Stephen A. White of Mebane. Mr. White had been an elder and clerk of the Session at Hawfields for many years.

By May of 1951 the Fellowship Building was completed. This is a brick building with architecture in keeping with that of the church. It contains a plaque which reads as follows:

"FELLOWSHIP BUILDING OF HAWFIELDS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Erected 1951

A tribute to the twenty-two years of service of the Fleming family 1926-1948, to former pastors and to the faithful members and friends of the Church.

Dedicated to the glory of God and the physical, mental and spiritual growth of all the people.

Pastor--Ralph L. Buchanan 1949 - 1958.

Building Committee: W. Kerr Scott, Chairman; N. N. Fleming, III, Secretary; Mrs. Ruth Fitch Mebane; John J. Fenton, Jr.; John D. Kimrey, Sr.; Arthur W. Holmes, Sr., Treas.; J. W. Covington; Ralph H. Scott, Sr.; George S. Bason, Sr.

Builder--Albright Construction Company."

In 1956 a new manse was built. It was given by Dr. S. F. Scott and Ralph H. Scott in honor of their parents, Robert W. Scott and Elizabeth Hughes Scott. It was furnished by Elizabeth Scott Carrington, a sister of the donors.

The first musical instrument recorded was a reed organ in about 1874, given to the church by Dr. Billy Bason, whose niece, Miss Ida Bason, was the first organist. In 1927, the first piano was purchased and used by both church and school. This moving back and forth was hard on the piano.

In 1940, A Hammond organ and a set of chimes were given to the church, and today there are pianos in several of the classrooms.

The Fellowship Building, built nine years ago for an expanding Sunday School, also contains the pastor's study, the office of the Director of Religious Education, a kitchen, recreation hall, and an auditorium for community service meetings.

Growth in Staff Since 1906

The first resident minister was Dr. B. W. Mebane, 1906. In June of the year 1931, Rev. N. N. Fleming became the first full-time pastor.

In February, 1951, Mary Catherine McCormick of Fayetteville became the first Director of Religious Education.

Mrs. N. N. Fleming, Sr., director of music from 1926-1950, also organized and directed the first Junior Choir in 1941.

In 1958, the church staff was as follows: Rev. Ralph L. Buchanan, pastor; Mrs. Austin Strand, D.R.E.; Mrs. Bob Webster, part-time secretary; Mrs. Hughes S. Scott, director of music and organist; Bill Kirkpatrick, director of choir; Miss Fay Webster, assistant organist.

A full-time caretaker was employed in 1958.

Land has been donated for an out-post mission, but no building program is under way. Since 1951, the church has operated a bus, thus permitting more people to come to the present church plant for its programs.

Seven sons of Hawfields church have entered the Gospel Ministry, and two of her daughters are minister's wives. They are as follows:

Rev. William Hodges (see early history)

Dr. Herbert S. Turner, Staunton, Va.

Rev. J. Walter Mann, (Deceased)

Mrs. J. Walter Mann, Sanford, N. C.

Rev. Arthur V. Gibson, Atlanta, Ga.

Rev. Lacy McPherson, Taylorsville, N. C.

Rev. Russell Fleming, Raleigh, N. C.

Rev. & Mrs. Jim Watkins, Hurley, Va.

Dr. Turner graduated at the head of his class from Union Theological Seminary. He taught Greek and history at McGuire University in Richmond, Va. He was pastor at Bethel Church near Staunton, Va. until his recent retirement. He now teaches philosophy at Mary Baldwin College in Staunton. He has served in many capacities there, including moderator of the Synod of Virginia, the Staff of the Union Seminary Review, and on the Editorial Board of the Presbyterian of the South.

Rev. Walter Mann was instructor in the Staunton Military, Staunton, Va. in 1917, tutor in Hebrew at the U. T. S. Richmond 1921, and assistant in Hebrew Department at A. T. S., Richmond. He came back to serve the Eno and Little River churches. He was twice commissioner to the General Assembly. He was married to Esther Lee Covington, a Hawfields girl who had studied at Assembly's Training School in Richmond. She was president of Orange Presbytery in 1928.

Dr. Arthur Van Gibson has spent most of his pastorate at the Morningside Presbyterian Church in Atlanta, Ga. His TV programs there are widely known. He served the Presbyterian Church in Sanford, N. C., before going to Atlanta. He has served on the Board of Trustees of Flora Macdonald College in Red Springs, N. C., and on the Executive Commission of the board.

Rev. Lacy McPherson is now serving the Taylorsville, N. C. church. He served in Missouri 1931-1952 where he was twice delegate to the General Assembly. His son, James Crocket McPherson, was ordained Presbyterian Minister in Taylorsville, in 1959.

Rev. Russell Both Fleming, Sr., son of Rev. and Mrs. N. N. Fleming, Sr., is now serving Western Boulevard Church in Raleigh. His call there included the responsibility for the extensive building program. He had just completed one at Rocky Mount, N. C.

Rev. Jim Watkins married Jean Mann, a member of Hawfields since childhood. They are now serving their first church at Hurley, Va.

Hawfields has a deep interest in all these full-time servants.

Recently, a meeting was held at Hawfields in which each was asked to participate. They have also returned frequently through the years to stand in the old pulpit, and Hawfields listens with a particular love and pride.

Clerks of the Session since 1842

1842----	Richard Glass	1853----	Stephen White
1897----	James R. White	1912----	James P. Kerr
	1933-1959-----		Henry A. Scott

Chairman of the Board of Deacons since 1926

George Bason	Ralph Scott	N. N. Fleming, III	Troy Dixon
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Trustees of the Church since 1890

E. C. Turner	J. W. Covington	George S. Bason, Sr.	W. Kerr Scott
		John Kimrey	

Men of the Church

Kerr Freshwater---President 1959

Chairmen of the Cemetery Committee since 1912

R. W. Scott	H. A. Scott	N. N. Fleming, III	Robert Webster
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Time and space do not permit the history of the Sunday School and the Woman's Work. The history of the Woman's work is being recorded at Montreat, N. C. The Sunday school and the Young Peoples' work rate their own history.

ADDITIONAL HISTORIC EVENTS

Laymen serving as Commissioners to the General Assembly

1927	Elder R. W. Scott
1929	Elder James P. Kerr
1936	Elder E. C. Turner
1939	Elder W. Kerr Scott

Officers of Presbytery

Elder W. Kerr Scott, Moderator of Orange Presbytery--1941
 Rev. N. N. Fleming, Permanent Clerk of Orange Pres.--1928
 " " " " Stated Clerk of Orange Pres.-----1930-
 " " " " Moderator of Orange Presbytery---1935

Officers in Presbyterial

Mrs. N. N. Fleming, Sr.----Pres. of Presbyterial-----1932-35
 Mrs. J. W. Mann " " " " 1939-41
 Mrs. N. N. Fleming, Sr. Secretary of Presbyterial &
 Synodical Missions-----1929-31
 Mrs. George Bason, Sec. of Literature in Presbyterial--1940-42
 Mrs. W. Kerr Scott, Sec. of Christian Education &
 Ministerial Relief-----1943-45

Officers in Young Peoples Work

Nellie Turner, Sec., Young Peoples League in Orange Presbytery
 Pearl Kimrey, Sec. and later Pres. Y.P.L. of Orange Presbytery
 Mary Rosa Fleming, Chairman Hyway Life Enlistment, Synod Council
 Miriam Scott served as President of the Young Peoples League and
 Henderson Scott as Vice President.

August 15, 1945, a special prayer service was held at Hawfields Church. Japan had surrendered.

May 14, 1946, 1,000 copies of Church History Published

Oct. 26, 1946, First Harvest Festival, C. N. Ellis, Chm.

Nov. 17, 1946, Bus purchased and put in operation

May 18, 1947, Life memberships in the Womans Auxillary were presented to Miss Mamie Scott, Mrs. E. C. Turner, and Mrs. D. D. Mebane, Charter members of the Auxillary which was founded May 25, 1885.

May, 1951, The Fellowship Building was completed

June 18, 1950, Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Kromberg and Children were received into the church. The Krombergs were formerly members of Tukcum Lutheran Church in Tukcum, Latoia.

Cemetery

The original cemetery, now in Orange County, was deeded to Hawfields in 1924. A large granite marker was erected there, though most of the plots there have no markers. Others have simple field stones. This cemetery continued in use some time after the church removed to its present location.

Rev. John Debow, in 1784, was the first person buried in present cemetery. This cemetery has been enlarged twice, both times by purchases of land from the E. C. Turner place which joins it. Near the center of the old part is a large space set aside for slaves. A marker is erected there bearing the inscription: "In memory of the faithful slaves, many of whom were members of the Hawfields Presbyterian Church".

For years, a time was set aside each Spring for clearing the cemetery. Needless to say, this was not enough.

In 1913, R. W. Scott set out to raise an endowment fund. Many people responded, and \$5000 was raised. For a time the income from this fund was enough for the upkeep. However, for years now it has been inadequate, and the proper care of it is one of our greatest problems. This is especially true of the old part where much hand-labor is required. In the new part, only one stone to the family may be erected above the level of the earth.

In 1950, R. D. Tilson, a landscape engineer of High Point, was engaged to locate drives and plots. Plans for landscaping the whole cemetery have been drawn out but have not been carried out.

The second church stood in the northeast part of the old cemetery. There, beneath his pew at his request, is buried Henry Cook, father of E. M. Cook, once superintendent of Virginia Cotton Mills in Swepsonville.

The present cemetery committee is trying hard, with inadequate money, to keep this place worthy of the "faith of our fathers".

State and National Leaders

Partly because of its good private schools, before the day of the public schools, Hawfields had many leaders on the state and national levels. This list dating back more than 200 years must necessarily be incomplete. It is complete sofar as available information goes. In giving credit to these schools, it must be remembered that most of the early preachers were also teachers in some cases having the classroom in their own homes. Where they did not do the actual teaching, they gave it much personal supervision.

Before 1776 Richard Stanford had a school at what is now the A. H. Scott farm. He was a member of Congress, and his wife was a daughter of Col. Alexander Mebane (1716-1795). Among his pupils were Captain S. H. Webb, Thomas Benton, who later moved to Missouri and Senator from that state; John Taylor, forty years clerk of the Superior Court of Orange County.

Revolutionary leaders in this school included: Capt. William Craig Johnston, Col. Alexander Mebane, 1744-1795; also William Patton and Captain Joseph Clendenin, all Whig officers in the Regulator Movement. Col. Mebane served in the N. C. House of Commons 1783-1792, was elected Member of Congress and attended at Philadelphia 1793 (Wheeler's History of N. C.).

From 1800 to 1830 Rev. Daniel Turrentine taught a school in Hawfields. Outstanding among his pupils was Jessie Turner, whose family are still members of Hawfields Church. He moved to Arkansas where he became Judge of the Supreme Court and later a Congressman from that state. Judge Turner also studied law under Rev. Solomon Debow of Hawfields.

In 1845, Dr. Alexander Wilson opened a school for boys at "Burnt Shop" (now Melville Farms) in Hawfields. This school drew students from other states in the South. Among the students listed are the ancestors of families who are still active members of Hawfields Church. These are Turners, Wilsons, Mebanes, Dixons, Scotts, Basons, Wilsons, Albrights, Pattons, Whites, and Thompsons. (Stockards History of Alamance).

Among Hawfields members who won military and political distinction during the period of the War Between the States were Capt. B. F. White and Capt. James Mebane. Capt. Mebane served several terms in the General Assembly and was Speaker of the House in 1822 (Wheeler).

W. C. Kerr (date unknown) served as State Geologist.

R. W. Scott, Elder in Hawfields, served on the State Board of Agriculture under Gov. Aycock and under six succeeding governors; until his death in 1929, he also served three terms in the House of Representatives and one in the State Senate, 1889, 1891, 1903.

Ralph H. Scott, Elder, served in the State Senate from 1951 to 1955, and also in a Special Session; W. Kerr Scott, Elder, served as Commissioner of Agriculture for North Carolina, 1937-1948, as Governor of North Carolina from 1949-1953, and as United States Senator from North Carolina from 1954-1958.

Military Service

Edwin Scott, son of R. W. Scott, died in an army camp in World War I.

C. D. Covington, Jr. was killed in a bomber in World War II.

Woodrow McPherson, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. K. McPherson, attained the rank of Major in World War II.

Captain Jack Turner, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Turner, received a Presidential Citation for work in Radar Division of Air Base in Korea. Maggie McPherson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. K. McPherson, served as Red Cross recreational director 1943-1945 in England, Holland, and France. Since 1947 she has served in the army in Guam, Okinawa, Japan and Korea.

Hawfields Members Serving in World War I

Joe Bason	Sam Bason	Battle Burgess
Julian Gill	Edwin Scott	Floyd Scott
Roland Webster	Bob White	Henry Scott
Lawrence Dixon	Jennings Bason	Viola Covington
Kerr Scott	Tome Barclay	Albert Gibson
Frank Thornton		

Hawfields Members Serving in World War II

Elmo Albright	Clye Turner	Francis Turner
Frank Culbertson	J. C. Andrews	William F. Johnson
Eugene Isley	Betty Webster	Daniel Webster
J. B. Way	Norman Gibson	Jack Turner
Willie Graves	L. A. Gibson	Marvin Dixon
Jack R. Bagwell, Jr.	Myron Mora	Bob Webster
Bill Covington	Paisley Scott	

In the Presbyterian Church, the Session is the governing body and the minister is its moderator or chairman.

Over the Pulpit in the sanctuary today hang two bronze tablets.

FOUNDERS TABLET

Rev. Henry Patillo, Moderator
Rev. David Caldwell, Stated Clerk
Rev. Hugh McAden
Rev. Joseph Alexander
Rev. James Criswell
Rev. Hezekiah Balch
Rev. Hezekiah James Balch

HAWFIELDS PASTORS' TABLET

Unknown Missionaries	1755-1765
Henry Patillo	1765-1774
John De Bow	1777-1784
Jacob Lake	1784-1792
William Hodges	1793-1800
William D. Paisley	1801-1818
Ezekiel B. Currie	1819-1842
Anderson G. Hughes	1843-1873
Calvin N. Morrow	1874-1882
Samuel H. Chester	1884-1889
Goodrich A. Wilson	1890-1891
R. W. Culbertson	1892-1906
Benjamin W. Mebane	1906-1911
James W. Goodman	1912-1917
Jonas Barclay	1917-1920
M. Ernest Hansel	1921-1925
N. N. Fleming, Jr.	1926-1948
Ralph L. Buchanan	1949-1959

Mr. Patillo served Hawfields for nine years from 1765 to 1774. He also served Eno. Out of this came New Hope, Little River, Fairfield, and Cross Roads, Mebane and Bethany. Space does not permit the tribute due this man who accomplished so much. Mention has already been made of his work as educator and statesman. An event of far reaching importance during his ministry was the organization of Orange Presbytery in Hawfields Church September 5, 1770.

Mr. De Bow's ministry was 1774-1784 during the Revolutionary War. This was a difficult time for the ministers who were men of peace and especially hard in this, the heart of the Regulator uprising. It speaks loudly for his ability as a spiritual leader that a great revival is recorded during his ministry in which many were added to the church.

The next minister, Jacob Lake, was a brother-in-law of Mr. De Bow and served from 1784-1792. It was during his ministry that the church at Cross Roads was organized.

Rev. William Hodges was a son of Hawfields and served from 1793-1800. He had been ordained by Orange Presbytery in 1792 to preach in Cross Roads and Hawfields.

William D. Paisley served 1801-1818. Under his ministry the great revival of 1802 took place. The crowds were so great that they could not be accommodated and were obliged to camp in their wagons. This was the beginning of the camp meetings of the South. Mr. Paisley was also a teacher.

Mr. E. B. Currie was the next minister. He came in 1819 and served Hawfields and Cross Roads until his death in 1842.

Anderson Hughes served Hawfields and Cross Roads from 1843 to 1873. He was stricken while preaching in the Cross Roads Church. He was a much loved man. One writer said he probably won more souls than any other minister of Orange Presbytery.

Calvin N. Morrow served both these churches from 1874-1882. He was buried in the Bethlehem Community.

Dr. S. H. Chester succeeded Mr. Morrow, serving five years 1884-1889. He later served on Synods Board of Foreign Missions.

Rev. G. A. Wilson served 1890-1891. He was a Virginian, the son of a Presbyterian Minister and a great orator. He left here for one of Virginia's large churches.

Mr. Culbertson came in 1892 and served until 1906. He was the son of a farmer and a preacher of great power.

Dr. B. W. Mebane served from 1906-1911. He was of the Mebane family so active in Revolutionary days. He was the first preacher to serve a new grouping of churches. These were Hawfields, Bethany, Saxapahaw, and Bethlehem. This was indeed a big undertaking, especially in the days of bad roads and no telephones.

Rev. J. W. Goodman came in 1911 and served these four churches until 1917. He showed great interest in the schools. His wife was unusually talented. Besides being an artist, she taught the first class in home economics at Hawfields. The school debaters often went to the manse for help.

Rev. Jonas Barclay came in 1917 and served the same four churches until 1920. He was considered quite a theologian. During his ministry, Orange Presbytery celebrated its 150th anniversary at Hawfields. Rev. D. I. Craig, D. D., gave the historical address at that time and much of the information here is from him.

Rev. M. E. Hansel came in 1921 and remained until 1925. Both the Hansels and the Barclays had large families and the congregation was pleased that the large manse was so well filled. During this time the annex to the church was built to provide Sunday School rooms.

In 1926, Rev. N. N. Fleming came preceded by the news that he was highly successful with young people and that Mrs. Fleming was talented in music. This proved true. During his entire pastorate a feature of the service enjoyed by all was his short service for the children proceeding his sermon. Mr. Fleming was very active in other fields, serving as teacher during the teachers shortage. He was president of the local PTA, master of the local Grange, chaplain of the State Grange, Board of Trustees of Flora Macdonald College and secretary of the board from 1941 until his death. In 1948 he was State Chairman of C R O P.

In 1927 Rev. Fleming organized the first Bible School. In 1931 he accepted the call to full-time work at Hawfields. In 1932 the first school of missions was organized. In 1941 Hawfields first accepted a share in the support of two foreign missionaries. These were Dr. and Mrs. Charles Shafe, Lubondai, Africa. The rotation system for deacons was adopted in 1940.

The first Junior choir, organized by Mrs. Fleming, sang December 22, 1941. Mrs. Fleming also directed the church choir for twenty-four years.

A high point in Mr. Fleming's pastorate was the ordination of his son, Russell, in the Hawfields Church, June 6, 1948. By 1948 church membership had reached 381. Plans had been made for the Fellowship Building, and a substantial amount of money had been raised for the building.

Mr. Fleming died with a heart attack in the manse October 7, 1948.

Rev. R. L. Buchanan was installed pastor of Hawfields, June 12, 1949. He came from the Winston-Salem Presbytery where he had served as executive secretary.

Some of the accomplishments of his pastorate were:

The first Director of Religious Education, Feb. 1951 (Mary Catherine McCormick of Fayetteville)

The completion of the Fellowship Building.

The building of the second manse.

First television service.

A bus route established for bringing in Sunday School pupils and others.

Rotary system for Elders, 1958.

Debt on Fellowship Building paid in full.

During his pastorate 231 people were received into the church.

Total church contributions for 1958 were \$41,028. The value of the church property in 1958 was \$200,000.

In 1956 Hawfields received the State Orange Award for outstanding service among the rural churches of all denominations in the state.

Mr. Buchanan left in August of 1959 for work in Anderson, South Carolina. A committee to secure a new minister included:

Mrs. Bob Webster, retiring president of The Women of the Church.
Ralph Scott, the Session.
N. N. Fleming, III, Chairman, Board of Deacons.
Ronald Scott, President of Young Peoples Group.
Mrs. H. C. Doss, incoming president of The Women of the Church.

Hawfields Presbyterian Church 1960

In January 1960, Rev. Samuel N. Thomas became pastor. He came from the First Presbyterian Church at High Point where he had served as associate pastor.

He is a native of Duplin County, N. C. and was educated at Maxton Junior College, Davidson College where he graduated in 1949, and at Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va., receiving his degree in 1952.

His first pastorate was Acme, N. C. where he served until 1957 when he went to the High Point church.

Mrs. Thomas is the former Francis Linder of Columbia, S. C. and was graduated from Winthrop College and the Presbyterian School of Education, Richmond, Va. They have three children; Samuel, Jr., 6; a daughter, Gene, 4; and Jim, 2.

In the Spring an Evaluation Committee was formed. Its purpose was to present our facilities and program in the light of present and future opportunities.

A Building and Development Committee was appointed.

The first step taken by these committees was the purchase of the Gibson property adjoining the church grounds.

A detailed plan was drawn up for a new section of the cemetery; complete with plots and a payment plan.

A nursery was set up to care for the small children during worship service.

A Christmas cantata was presented using the combined choirs of the Mebane, Hawfields and Bethany churches, directed by Bill Kirkpatrick.

Throughout the year many and varied meetings were held at the manse.

During the year, Hawfields followed her custom of contribution to County and State Government. N. N. Fleming, III, Elder was elected to the Board of County Commissioners, Ralph H. Scott, Elder, began his third term in the State Senate. Henry A. Scott, Elder, continued on the County Board of Education where he had served since 1939 and on the Board of A & T College where he had served since 1943.

Cash contributions for the year were \$32,000.

Other Gifts to Hawfields Church

The first organ from Dr. William Bason. His neices, Misses Ida and Kate Bason were the first organists.

The pulpit Bible in memory of Misses Barbara Elizabeth Bason and Emily Katherine Bason by their nephews and neice, Dr. Walter E. Walker, William B. Walker, Rev. Joseph G. Walker and Mary E. Walker.

The Judson Faucette Fund---1926 Marker erected on site of the second church in which Orange Presbytery was organized---A gift from Banks H. Mebane. 1926 Bronze tablets, presented by the family of Stephen Alexander White, (1) the Founders Tablet; (2) the Hawfields Pastor's Tablet; (3) The Slave Tablet.

The offering plates were given in Memory of Mr. and Mrs. Will Farrell by their children. Floor baskets from Hazel and Catherine Farrell.

Bookstands for Sunday School rooms were a gift from Mr. and Mrs. Will Farrell. Additional Communion Service--a gift from Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Covington. Yard lights by Miss Mamie Scott.

Lights for Mitchell College grounds in memory of Miss Mamie Scott from the Womens Auxiluary.

Picture of Christ from Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Dixon.

Fireplace sets for Fellowship Building from Mr. and Mrs. Jones Mayberry.

Five acres of land was given from Joseph S. Gibson to Hawfields Church and Manse on March 24, 1910.

Communion Table in memory of Dewy Covington, Jr. from his aunts and uncles, the Fentons and the Covingtons.

The Cemetery Fund.

The Hawfields Permanent Endowment Fund.

War Bond from Mrs. A. L. Turner, (the first contribution to the Building Fund)

The Building Fund.

Portrait of Rev. N. N. Fleming painted by Mrs. C. A. Albright and hung in the Fellowship Building.

Service Plaques honoring Hawfields members who served in World Wars I and II were given by Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Scott.

Historical Marker by the State Historical Society.

1940 electrifying and restoring the old lights in memory of Mr. and Mrs. J. R.

White by their daughters Agnes White and Mrs. I. C. Crawford.

Hammond Organ and Chimes given by Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Scott.

Offering Plates by Irvine Crawford.

Mrs. R. W. Scott Memorial Fund by Mrs. Geo. Carrington.

The W. Kerr Scott Memorial Fund by members of Hawfields Church and friends throughout the state.

The Altar Service in memory of W. Kerr Scott from the people who worked with him in the N. C. Department of Agriculture.

Hymn Books in memory of A. W. Holmes, Jr., from Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Holmes, Sr.

Chairs for the Fellowship Building from Ralph Scott and A. W. Holmes.

Worship Center for Mens Bible Classroom honoring W. Kerr Scott from his sons, Osborne and Robert.

Handmade Walnut cabinet owned by Captain William Craig Johnston of the Revolution and given by Craig Johnston 1956.

Fund from the Will of W. Kerr Scott.

Land given by W. Kerr Scott for out-post mission or Sunday School.

Silver Service for manse, in memory of Mrs. R. W. Scott (Ella Anthony Scott) by the Anthony family.

Hawfields has never been a wealthy church but through its history it has had a working membership. As we think back through its more than two hundred years of growth, we are grateful to the unnamed thousands whose faith and labor have made possible the church that serves today.

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H I S T O R Y

MEBANE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1868 - 1960

Rev. Samuel S. Cappel, Pastor

By

Virginia Kirk Baker

and

Elizabeth Miller Hurdle

HISTORY
Mebane Presbyterian Church
by
Virginia Kirk Baker
and
Elizabeth Miller Hurdle

The Mebane Presbyterian Church is one of the most active in Orange Presbytery. It has a long and interesting history, which, during the past, and is at the present, touching thousands of lives.

Data for this history was gathered from many sources--from the church records; Miss Emma Harris, a member of the church for 75 years, and Miss Lula Cheek, who gave first-hand information on the early activities of the church.

The first settlers in Alamance reached Hawfields 1736-1740 - the Strayhorns, Craigs, Blackwoods, Kirkland, Mebanes, Tates, Mitchells, Scotts, Johnsons. There were German settlers on Alamance and Quakers on Cane Creek. The Germans were Americanized and Presbyterianized. These families were connected with Hawfields Church, and therefore, the embryo of Orange Presbytery was Scotch and Scotch Irish.

Hawfields became an intellectual, religious, and political center. With such pastors as Dr. Henry Patillo, and others of similar calibre, Presbyterianism in Alamance got a good start. Dr. Patillo, a pastor, was also one of the earliest and best teachers in the state in 1765. He published one of the first school books, a geography, printed in 1796.

As early as 1860, W. B. Lynch opened a Boarding School here, and leaders began to discuss the need of a Presbyterian Church. He was interested primarily in having a church connected with his Boarding School. However, in 1861, Mr. Lynch discontinued his school here, went back to Davidson College and the plans for a Presbyterian Church received a setback.

Bingham School wielded a strong influence in bringing Presbyterianism to Mebane. The school in 1864-65, moved here from Oaks and remained here until 1891. The leaders of this school, practically all Presbyterians, felt the need of a local Presbyterian Church.

The organization of a church was urged for two reasons. The first one--there was no church in Mebaneville and many children needed religious training, and the second reason, the Bingham boys had to walk to Hawfields, four miles south, or Crossroads, four miles north. There were two strong objections. The first--that the new church might weaken the older churches of Hawfields and Crossroads and at the same time not form a sound organization. The second was the effects of the Civil War were still being strongly felt in Mebaneville.

The Mebane Presbyterian Church was organized September 17, 1868, with twelve members: Mrs. Attelia Mebane, Dr. and Mrs. Benjamin Franklin Mebane and Miss Martha Mebane from Hawfields Presbyterian Church; Major and Mrs. William B. Lynch (Rebecca M.) from Crossroads Presbyterian Church; Col. and Mrs. William Bingham (Owen White), Major Robert Bingham and Mrs. Robert Bingham (Della Worth) from Bethlehem Presbyterian Church; Miss Alice White (sister of Mrs. William Bingham), and Mrs. Betty Holt (Elizabeth Ann Mebane) from First Presbyterian Church, Raleigh, North Carolina.

Other early members were Thomas Mumford Cheek and Mrs. Cheek, the Dicks, Thorps, Bingham, Lashleys, Harris, and Whites, Holts and Jobes.

Mebaneville had no church at this time. The Methodist Protestant was organized in 1902 by Rev. W. D. Fogleman with a good working membership. The Methodist Episcopal Church was organized in 1906 by Rev. C. M. Lance with 12 members. The Baptist Church

was organized in 1907 with 12 members. Mr. Chapell was the first pastor.

The first services were held in a small office owned by Dr. B. Frank Mebane on Fifth Street, about where Mrs. E. Y. Farrells' home stands today. Services were held for a time in the dining room of the Bingham School. The first building of the Mebane Presbyterian Church was located across the road on Highway 70A from old Bingham School, the site of the present Christian Church. George Mebane, the father of Dr. B. Frank Mebane, gave the land for this first building, and also the land for the cemetery beside it. The little church opposite Bingham campus served its community well for 42 years.

The church was moved to town and located on Fifth Street where it is today. Construction was begun in 1912, first service held in 1914, and dedication in 1917. The second building served 44 years, and is still in use. The beautiful colonial structure, which is the third building, was erected in 1958.

In the year 1872, the church purchased a large Bible and had engraved on the cover, Mebaneville Presbyterian Church, 1872. The town at that time was called Mebaneville. Mebane is not an Indian name like Altamahaw, Ossippee, Saxapahaw, and Alamance.

Stephen A. White, grandfather of Steve White of Mebane, went to Raleigh and petitioned the Legislature to drop the "ville" from Mebaneville and call it Mebane. The town incorporated in 1881 with Stephen A. White as first mayor.

The Town of Mebane was named in honor of Giles Mebane, great uncle of Miss Emma Harris and descendant of Alexander Mebane. Alexander Mebane, to whom the cotton-growing South owes more than to any other living man, according to the editor of a Texas newspaper, was a Mebane man. Although he rose high in political and economic circles, he kept his simple faith in God and passed it on to his children and grandchildren. On a marker in Mebane, to honor Alexander Mebane, we read "Brigadier General of North Carolina Militia, Member House of Commons, Conventions 1788-1789, and U. S. Congress. His home stood nearby." Alexander Mebane died July 5, 1795, saying "I know Him in whom I have believed."

The little Mebane Church, which trained so many boys in its early days, sent a stream of great men to bless humanity. Time and space does not permit our naming all of them. The following were students at Bingham: Robert Worth Bingham, Ambassador to the Court of St. James, 1933-1937; Walter Hines Page, Educator and Diplomat, also Ambassador to Court of St. James, London, England; Lindsay C. Warren, Washington, D. C., Comptroller-General of the United States Army; Daniel Webster Andrews, Superintendent of the American Tobacco Company; George Worth, nephew of Mrs. Robert Bingham, Missionary to China; Dr. Lacy Little, Missionary to China; Dr. Evander B. McGilvery, Teacher at Bingham, later taught in Princeton University; Daniel McGilvery, First Presbyterian missionary to Siam; and W. H. Sprunt, Philanthropist. (Mr. Sprunt's letter was sent to Wilmington, March, 1876).

Miss Ruby Satterfield volunteered for mission work in 1920 and sailed for China, October 12, 1920. She did secretarial work and evangelistic work in the Kashing Christian Hospital, Kashing, China for 5 years. During the Revolution of 1927 and 1928, she worked in Korea. Later she returned to China and was a faithful missionary for many years.

The Mebane Presbyterian Church has been wonderfully blessed in having 16 outstanding ministers to lead the congregation during the past 92 years.

Rev. Calvin N. Morrow was employed in 1865 by the faculty of the Bingham School for two services each month. He was moderator of the first sessional records we have of the Mebane Presbyterian Church dated September 24, 1868. The elders present were William Bingham, Dr. B. Frank Mebane, and William Lynch. William Lynch was elected clerk of the session. The first report made April 1, 1869 showed 13 members, 37 in Sunday School and one new member added. The most outstanding thing during this pastorate was the system of weekly offerings. This first session laid broad and deep foundations for a strong church.

Mr. Penick was called to Mebane from Peak's Presbyterian Church, Bedford County, Virginia. He was commended by the moderator of the Presbytery, E. H. Harding, for the splendid report of the Mebaneville Presbyterian Church. One outstanding event was the organization of the Woman's Society, organized in 1872 by the pastor's wife, Mrs. Penick. The members of this first Society were Mrs. William Bingham, Mrs. Robert Bingham, Mrs. T. M. Cheek, Mrs. William Lynch, Mrs. Bettie Holt, Mrs. P. T. Penick, Mrs. Lizzie Mebane Harris.

These women helped build the first manse on the north side of the railroad which is now the Fowler property.

Rev. James M. Anderson became pastor in 1876. He came to Mebane from Wilkesboro, N. C. His great emphasis was in the Sunday School. At his request, he was authorized to form a Sabbath School at Bird's Schoolhouse. He started a Friday evening Bible Class which was an innovation. He had two daughters and one son: Mary, Lois and Barnwell. He died in March 1879, having served from 1876 to 1878.

Rev. Thomas J. Allison moderated his first session in the Mebaneville Presbyterian Church November 27, 1879. Major Robert Bingham was elected Clerk of the session. Mr. Allison was requested by the session to omit the Sunday night service and to preach on the outskirts of the congregations frequently on Sunday afternoons. He received a deaf mute into the church July, 1881, the examination conducted in writing. In January, 1883, permission was granted to the Baptists to use the Presbyterian Church for their services once each month.

During Mr. Allison's pastorate the name was changed from Mebaneville Presbyterian Church to Mebane Presbyterian Church. Dr. B. Frank Mebane, one of the strongest leaders in the church, died. Miss Emma Harris was received into the church in November, 1885. Mr. Allison's child died and was buried in Oakwood Cemetery. The YMCA of Bingham conducted evangelistic services, which greatly blessed the church. Rev. Allison left the church in 1887.

The first manse was built while Rev. J. Horace Lacy was pastor. Mrs. William Bingham, member of the Ladies' Society, gave the land and the Young Ladies' Society paid for the well. He received 15 members into the church, and during this time, 1888-1890, the clerk of the session served also as treasurer of the church.

A letter from Rev. Lacy on the church's 75th anniversary follows:

"Our church at Mebane was my first love and many have been the prayers that I have offered for it. And now on your 75th anniversary, I, who have grown old in the services, having passed my fourscore years, and when God wills, am ready to put off this earthly tabernacle - would exhort the brethren in the words of the apostle. Not to count yourselves as those who have attained and become perfect - but this one thing too - Forgetting the things behind and reaching forth towards the things that are



before to press towards the mark for the price of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

Yours in the Master's Name

J. Horace Lacy

322 Home Ave., Clarksville, Tenn.

Rev. Coppedge and D. I. Craig and other ministers of the Presbytery helped in the work of the church 1890 to 1891. Rev. Samuel M. Rankin, a ministerial student, acted as pastor in 1892. He was a consecrated, enthusiastic pastor.

Rev. E. C. Murray came to Mebane from Alamance Presbyterian Church in 1893 the first time he was pastor. The envelope system of giving was adopted while he was pastor. Bingham School was being operated as a Presbyterian School at this time, and Dr. Murray was superintendent of the school, as well as pastor of the church. He had 93 in Sunday School, baptized 30 non-communicating members, and added 11 on profession of faith. He went from Mebane to Clinton, S. C.

In a letter written to Mr. Baker on the celebration of the 75th anniversary of the church, Rev. H. C. Kegley gives us a view into his ministry in the church. My wife came to Mebane as a bride and there we began our married life fifty years ago I have noted with great interest the continuous growth of your congregation. It is a far cry from your splendidly equipped and militant organization to the struggling little band of fifty years ago, stunned by the removal of the famous Bingham School. There was little money in those days, but never any scarcity of love and good neighborliness -- these were always abundant, and that is why our memories of Mebane are so precious today.

We often think of the old families: the Whites, the Mebanes, the Cheeks, Marrises, Holts, Dicks, and Bingham. They were great folks and so it is only natural and normal that you have a great church today."

Faithfully yours,

H. C. Kegley

Rev. E. C. Murray must have been greatly beloved during his work in the Mebane Presbyterian Church, for history records only one minister who came back for a second pastorate, Rev. Murray.

He received his D. D. degree for outstanding service in the ministry, Mrs. Murray is still remembered in Mebane as one of the outstanding leaders in Woman's work. She taught Sunday School, led in missionary meetings, and was active in every phase of the church's work. Dr. and Mrs. Murray made a great contribution through their children. Edward Clark Murray born in Mebane, was a missionary to Chilpancingo, Mexico. Joseph James Murray, who joined the church in Mebane March 20, 1898, at the age of 7, made one of the outstanding ministers of his generation. Marion Murray is also a Presbyterian Minister and has held successful pastorates in Banner Elk, Wallace and other places in North Carolina. Dr. Murray's daughter, Lillian Norwood (Mrs. W. L. Cooper, Jr.) was a home missionary to Glade Valley and Stuart Robinson School in Mackey, Ky. Dr. Murray accepted a call to the Graham Presbyterian Church in 1901, ending four years of service here.

Rev. Hugh Craig was leader of the Mebane Presbyterian Church only a short while. He reported to the Presbytery, two elders, two deacons, 108 members on roll, 30 of them non-residents. He was faithful in his services. He served in 1901-02.

Rev. Robert W. Hines came to the pastorate in 1902. The Presbyterian Church was the only church in town. He ministered to the entire city, which made him greatly beloved by everybody.

He was the first man to urge the moving of the church into town from its location near Oakwood Cemetery. In April, 1906 at the close of a meeting held by Rev. William Black, Mr. Hines received 32 persons into the church. A committee was appointed April 22, 1906, to build a chapel in town - the site to be selected by five men. W. E. White was chairman of this committee. Mr. Hines went to Clearwater, Fla. at the end of the year 1906.

Rev. Robert Todd Liston came to Mebane from Gaffney, S. C. in January, 1907. His salary was \$840. a year. W. E. White, a deacon, asked congregation to adopt pledge card system and pay Mr. Liston monthly, instead of periodically.

Dr. William Black held a meeting again and in May 1910, 27 persons joined the church. Gifts increased, and there were 118 in Sunday School. The Young People's Societies, Light Bearers, Junior and Senior, had 43 members.

Mr. Liston's wife was Isabel Lapsley, sister of Samuel N. Lapsley, first missionary to the Congo. Mrs. Liston's first child, Margaret Lapsley Liston, joined the church March 22, 1908. She is now a missionary in Lubondai, Africa. The second child, Robert Todd Liston, does Home Mission work in Virginia, and is now President of King College. The fourth child, Theresa, is a trained nurse. The sixth child, Jean, was field worker for the Executive Committee of Christian Education and Ministerial Relief for years.

Woman's Society never disbanded again after the pastorate of Mr. Liston. He resigned in February, 1910.

Rev. F. Morton Hawley, of Elizabeth City, N. C., was called to the pastorate for a salary of \$1,000 in 1910.

At a congregational meeting in October, 1913, he reported that he had an estimate of a good contractor for our new building.

The amount was \$13,000. The actual cost was \$8,000, and the manse cost \$1,460.

W. W. Corbett was chairman of the committee to secure a place for the new manse. It was built out of materials from the first church building. Chairman H. O. Jobe, H. E. Wilkinson and J. Sam White recommended that the cemetery be turned over to the town, that lots be sold, and money be used to keep up the cemetery.

The new church building was dedicated on October 28, 1917, and Dr. J. D. Huffman, the "Baptist Bishop of North Carolina", preached the dedicatory sermon.

The first service was held in the new church on the second Sunday in July, 1914. The present manse, on Fifth Street, also was build in 1914.

Dr. Hawley left Mebane after a very outstanding pastorate of seven years, to accept a call to the First Presbyterian Church at Memphis, Mo.

Rev. A. Worth Shaw took dinner with Miss Emma Harris the first Sunday he was here. He asked Miss Emma what kind of a church Mebane Presbyterian Church was, and she replied, "Well, old Major Bingham used to say, 'The sistern are all right, but you may not be able to depend always on the brethren!'" Mr. Shaw found 100 members when he came.

There were several societies at this time: Ladies Foreign and Home Missionary Society, Ladies Aid Society, Christian Endeavor Society, Light Bearers and Covenanters. Rev. William Black held a meeting for Mr. Shaw and 17 persons joined the church at the close of the meeting May 11, 1918. Sixty-seven others joined during Mr. Shaw's pastorate.

Mrs. Shaw took great interest, and gave splendid help.

Light Bearers disbanded after being led for 21 years by Miss Emma Harris, in 1920.

Margaret Liston, in 1925 while Mr. Shaw was pastor, went to Africa as missionary, and the church assumed part of her support. The church has continued to support Margaret all these many years and is still doing so.

Rev. J. Samuel Gardner came to Mebane in February, 1925, from Mullins, S. C.

A narrative report sent to the Presbytery by the church at that time gives the following:

Average attendance (morning service) - - - 200

Average attendance (evening service) - - - 150

On May 10, 1925, a motion was made by A. B. Fitch that additional room for the Sunday School be secured. This motion was approved by the session and approved by the congregation December 13, 1925.

At a meeting of the men of the church on December 8, 1925, W. E. White, one of the deacons, made the most liberal offer - that the brothers and sisters of the late Mr. Dave White (who was killed in an automobile accident), would build for the church a Sunday School building as a memorial to their brother. The church was to furnish it, put in water and heat, and install a pipe organ in the church. To accomplish this, the church pledged to raise \$6,000.

In 1926, the women voted to assume the responsibility of installing the pipe organ.

Sunday School won the Orange Presbytery Banner for the seventh consecutive year in 1906. Pastor's salary raised to \$2,700.

Mr. Garner resigned as pastor in 1927 and went to Bennettsville, S. C. Mrs. Garner made great contributions with her musical ability.

Rev. and Mrs. David B. Green came to our church from Hebron Presbyterian Church, Virginia, on October 2, 1927.

Mr. Green was a very consecrated pastor, and did fine work in our congregation. A large number of members united with the church during his ministry, who proved a great blessing in the work.

The men's group reported a membership of 65 and donations of \$150.

The women's group reported a total of \$1,781. in donations.

Rev. Green went to the Presbyterian Church at Reidsville, S. C. in 1929.

Rev. W. M. Baker came to the Mebane Presbyterian Church, January 12, 1930. He had served only one church prior to accepting this call, the Mt. Olive Presbyterian Church, Wilmington Presbytery, for 12 years.

The special emphases during his long pastorate - 25 years and eight months - was evangelism. In 1930, he found 304 members on the church roll. Records show 664 persons joining the church during his ministry. Many went out to bless other fellowships, but he left a consecrated membership of 592 persons, September 1, 1955.

Believing that only the implanting of God's eternal truth in the hearts of boys and girls are results produced that last through the years and into eternity, he encouraged every program for young people. A small Junior Choir, organized in June, 1939, by Mrs. Baker and Mrs. W. E. Cook grew into five choirs: Cherub, Primary, Junior, Pioneers and Seniors, with approximately 100 being taught God's praises weekly. Two Girl Scout troops were added to the boy's troop in existence. A Catechism club taught many young people the Catechism. Regular Communicant's Classes were held before Christmas and Easter. A weekday kindergarten, taught by Miss Bell, began in September, 1946-47. A story hour and vesper programs were held for juniors and older young people and higher education was emphasized.

The Mebane Presbyterian Scholarship of \$5,000 was raised for Flora Macdonald College. Steve White, board member, was chairman of this. Scores of young people went to camps with Mr. and Mrs. Baker teaching in state and Presbytery camps. A library was started for which Miss Margaret Johnston deserved special mention. Later, a film strip library was started.

There were 82 church members who served in World War II. Only one boy paid the supreme sacrifice - Bernard McDade - a paratrooper, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. McDade. He was killed in action at Three Points, Belgium, January 3, 1945.

Transportation to and from church services was provided for 52 families. Later, a station wagon was purchased. The missionary spirit, begun by former ministers, continued. The Mebane Presbyterian Chapel, begun March 15, 1942, for the convenience of people in that area east of town who could not attend the uptown church, because of gas rationing, trained many.

Vernon Corbett, superintendent, and C. F. Overman, secretary-treasurer, were great leaders. The property, purchased for \$1,103 on August 7, 1943, was enlarged by spending \$1,400. Later, two large rooms of the old Bingham School were purchased and moved to the site.

A monthly paper, "Church News," initiated by Board of Deacons, and edited and printed by W. W. Corbett at his own expense, proved of great help during depression days.

Looking forward to the enlargement of the present church plant, the church purchased the property between the manse and the church in the fall of 1953, also the lot behind the manse lot facing Fourth Street.

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Six shares of E. I. DuPont stock at \$83 per share were purchased from Mrs. Nettie Mebane's legacy of \$500 on May 11, 1931.

The 75th anniversary of the church was celebrated September 17-19, 1943, with Dr. F. M. Hawley, Samuel Garner, and A. Worth Shaw, former ministers present.

Numbers of gifts were received at the anniversary celebration: war bonds, drinking fountain, motion picture projector, money, and many other things.

The fund for the purchasing of property and erection of a new sanctuary was started May 25, 1948.

The following is quoted from Church News, edited by W. W. Corbett and Mrs. Corbett:

"Sincere interests and friendships, backed by hard work, with a definite goal in view, have enabled Mr. Baker to carve for himself and the Mebane Presbyterian Church, a permanent niche in the annals of Mebane...and in the hearts of her people... To a man who for years has led our church ever forward in spiritual developments - we who have benefitted by your guidance, salute you."

Mr. Baker went to the Crestwood and Randolph Presbyterian Churches in High Point, N. C. on September 1, 1955.

On May 25, 1948, a joint meeting of the elders and deacons was held after the morning service. Object - "to consider the establishment of a committee to receive funds for the start of a larger church auditorium...." The moderator, W. M. Baker, appointed two elders, S. A. White and R. A. Wilkinson; two deacons, A. B. Fitch and John Henry James; and two members of the Woman's Auxiliary, Mrs. W. S. Harris and Mrs. Talmage Jobe."

On June 6, 1948, the "Congregational meeting authorized the starting of a fund for a new church auditorium."

On December 12, 1948, "Chairman S. A. White of the Building Committee made the report and presented to the congregation sketches of Architect, Henry Gurley. Those present were given a copy of brochure which had been prepared by the committee."

On May 20, 1956, with moderator, Sam Cappell, "A congregational meeting elected the following to compose the Building Committee: Elders, A. B. Fitch, R. A. Wilkinson, S. A. White; Deacons: June Crumpler, F. M. Southerland, J. H. James, and T. D. Jones; Ladies: Mrs. J. H. Hurdle, Sr., Mrs. C. J. Harris Non-officers: Dr. J. A. Foust, Jake Johnson; Senior Youth Fellowship, Bill Lineberry. S. A. White was elected Chairman of the Building Committee.

March 11, 1956 - "Congregation voted to buy two 75-foot lots...for \$3,000 from Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Elder."

May 25, 1956 - "Approval was given by the congregation for a fund raising campaign...approximately \$183,000 was secured in pledges to be paid over a period of 150 weeks beginning May 1956."

July 29, 1956 - "The church received as a gift from Mrs. J. Ed White a lot on south Fifth Street Extension for the purpose of erecting a manse thereon. The residence was completed in the spring of 1957 at a cost of \$24,310.05."

Rev. Samuel S. Cappel came to the Mebane Presbyterian Church from Princeton Presbyterian Church, Johnson City, Tenn., December 1, 1955.

The outstanding event of his many accomplishments thus far, was inspiring and leading the congregation in the erection of the beautiful, commodious, colonial sanctuary.

The property between the old manse and the old church was already owned by the church, purchased earlier through Building and Loan. On March 11, 1956, two 75-foot lots, fronting Fourth Street, were purchased for \$3,000.00 from Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Elder. An elder donated two additional lots back of the Norman Wood property also fronting Fourth Street. Mrs. J. E. White, on July 29, 1956, gave a lot 100 by 320 for a manse. The architect recommended that the new church be placed on the site of the old manse.

On May 20, 1956, a congregational meeting was held and the following were elected to compose the Building Committee: S. A. White, Chairman, Mrs. Lola Hurdle, Secretary, Frank Southerland, Mrs. Charles J. Harris, R. A. Wilkinson, William Lineberry, June Crumpler, Jake Johnson, A. B. Fitch, J. A. Foust, T. D. Jones, John Henry James. This committee was given the responsibility of erecting a manse on the Mrs. Ed White property and a church on the old manse property.

"On May 19, 1957, the congregation instructed its building committee to proceed with the construction of a sanctuary in accordance with preliminary plans as presented at that time.

Two contractors looked over our preliminary drawings and without going into a great deal of detail, one of these gave a guess that the construction would cost \$191,000. and the other came up with a figure of \$194,000.

Sometime ago the Building Committee presented a progress report showing an estimated cost of the building of \$190,000. Added to this was \$29,000 to cover cost of pipe organ, pews, carpet, and architect's fee, making a total of \$219,100.

Exactly 2 years after we had started collecting on the building fund pledges, we had received \$114,486.90. Since then there had been received an additional \$11,768.09 or a total of \$126,254.99. This left a balance of approximately \$57,000.00 in pledges due to be paid in 1959.

Thus far bills due and payable have been paid by the treasurer, W. S. Harris. He has paid \$106,810.24. Stocks belonging to the church have been sold for \$18,586.16. The Senior Department has had a building fund account in First Savings and Loan for a number of years and has about \$1,500 to give.

We had hoped that the building would be completed and ready for our first service by September 21, the Ninetieth Anniversary of our church's organization."

These records were quoted from the Session Book July 20, 1958.

"Our new church was constructed at a cost of approximately \$198,000.00 including architect's fee. In addition, pews, organ, pew cushion material, carpet, cost about \$20,000.00..... We have spent \$2,000 on outside improvements and equipment. This makes a grand total of approximately \$220,000.00".

The preceeding was quoted from the Session Book January 18, 1959.

Steve White, chairman of the building committee, is the nephew of Dave A. White, who was chairman of the building committee that erected the old church in 1914 at a cost of \$8,000., \$5,000 below the lowest contract price. Steve is also a nephew of W. E. White, who was chairman of the committee (brothers and sisters of Davé White) who gave a Sunday School Building (White Memorial Chapel in 1926) in memory of Dave A. White.

Mr. Cappel has had an intensive evangelistic program. He has brought to the community outstanding evangelistic preachers; Dr. Leighton Ford, an associate evangelist of Billy Graham; William Stevens, evangelist-at-large, Charleston, W. Va.; and Dr. William E. Hill, evangelist-at-large, Hopewell, Virginia.

He began having prayer meeting and evening worship, also.

He has led his officers in a visitation program that has greatly increased attendance at all church services.

His ability to organize is shown in the efficient operation of the church's work. He followed the General Assembly's plan; special committees for all phases of the church's work - visitation, ushering, evangelism, finance, etc. The Christian Education Committee was one of the outstanding committees.

The staff of the church was enlarged and now includes a church secretary, director of Christian education, choir director, organist, and full time janitor.

The minister's wife,, Mrs. Cappel, has many talents and like the former ministers' wives, uses all of them in the Master's service.

GIFTS AND MEMORIAL FOR THE NEW CHURCH

Nave Chandeliers..... Women of the Church
Front double door with frame
Vestibule side doors with frame.....Senior High Sunday School Class
Baptismal Font.....Miss Patricia Latta, Mr. Jack Latta
Pulpit..... Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Jones,
Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Sykes, Jr.
In honor of Rev. and Mrs. W. M. Baker
Harp attachment for organ..... Mr. and Mrs. Frank Southerland
In honor of Rev. and Mrs. W. M. Baker
Communion Table..... Mrs. J. H. Hurdle, Sr.
In memory of her husband, Dr. J. H. Hurdle, Sr.
Large Sanctuary Windows..... Mr. Steve A. White,
Mrs. Marion White Gleason, Mrs. Elizabeth White Lawson,
and Mrs. Carolyn White Garber
In memory of their mother, Mary Gale Carter White

GIFTS AND MEMORIAL FOR THE NEW CHURCH continued

- Pew Mr. and Mrs. Milton Miller
In memory of Mrs. J. T. Miller
- Urns for Tower Mr. Jesse Miller, Miss Lenora Miller,
Mrs. Joseph H. Hurdle, Jr., Mrs. Manuel Williamson, Mrs.
Cornelia M. Harris
In memory of their mother, Mrs. J. T. Miller
- Organ Chimes..... Mr. and Mrs. Talmage Jobe
In memory of Mr. and Mrs. W. Y. Malone
- Pulpit Bible Book Mark..... Barbara Southerland
In memory of Mr. William L. Burke, Jr.
- Side Lights in Narthex Dr. and Mrs. James A. Foust, Jr.
In memory of Mr. James A. Foust, Sr.
- Offering plates..... Mrs. Charles O. Pickard, Mrs. James Bradley
In memory of Mr. C. D. Pickard
- Pulpit Bible.....Mrs. Marvin Cappel
In memory of her mother, Mrs. G. W. Sentell
- Pews Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Keasler
In honor of his mother, Mrs. G. M. Keasler
- Pulpit Chairs Mr. and Mrs. W. Clifton Elder
In honor of Mrs. Ed Cheek and in memory of
Mr. Ed Cheek

Gifts to the Building Fund

- Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Sharpe of Burlington, in memory of Mr. Ed Cheek
Mr. H. H. Jobe in memory of his mother, Mrs. Henry O. Jobe
Mrs. Charles O. Pickard, Mr. and Mrs. James H. Bradley, in memory of
Mr. Charles O. Pickard

The beautiful Mebane Presbyterian Church was dedicated Sunday, November 23rd, 1958. The pastor, Rev. Sam S. Cappel, preached the Sermon. The members of the church honored their Lord and themselves when they erected this beautiful church.

ROLL OF ELDERS

<u>NAME</u>	<u>INSTALLED</u>
Mebane, Dr. B. F.	Sept. 1868
Lynch, Maj. W. B.	Sept. 1868
Bingham, Col. Wm.	Sept. 1868
Bingham, Maj. Robert	Nov. 1879
Cheek, Thomas M.	May 1886
White, David Alexander	Aug. 1892
Moore, M. W.	June 1893
Bason, Henry A.	Dec. 1902
Jobe, Henry O.	Dec. 1902
Bingham, Herbert W.	Nov. 1896
Craig, A. V.	May 1907
Pettigrew, Thos. B.	May 1907
White, James Samuel	May 1907
Dick, James T.	May 1907
Cheek, James S.	June 1915
Wilkinson, H. E.	June 1915
Mason, W. L.	June 1915
Farrell, E. Y.	June 1915
Thompson, J. Melvin	Nov. 1923
Vincent, J. S.	Oct. 1925
Morgan, S. G.	Oct. 1925
Craig, H. B.	April 1928
Wilkerson, M. N.	April 1928
Michael, John	April 1928
White, Stephen Alexander V.	April 1940
Latta, John W.	April 1940
White, J. Edwin	April 1947
Corbett, H. Vernon	March 1947
Wilkinson, Robert A.	March 1947
Corbett, W. W.	Oct. 1951
Holt, Alfred	Oct. 1951
Fitch, A. B. Crocket	Oct. 1951
Jones, T. D.	Oct. 1956
Southerland, Frank	Oct. 1956
Richmond, W. F.	Oct. 1956
Jones, C. June	Dec. 1959
Henderson, W. C.	Dec. 1959
James, John Henry	Dec. 1959
Bingham, Maj. Robert	Sept. 1868
Fowler, Thos. H.	Nov. 1879
Dick, James T.	Aug. 1892
Rice, Joseph R.	Aug. 1892
Jobe, Henry O.	June 1893
Oldham, Jesse M.	June 1898
Murray, William A.	Jan. 1899
White, James Samuel	April 1906
Cheek, Edward P.	April 1896
Scott, Arthur N.	April 1906

ROLL OF DEACONS continued

<u>NAME</u>	<u>INSTALLED</u>
Cheek, James S.	May 1907
Corbett, William W.	May 1907
Bason, H. William	May 1907
White, William E.	June 1908
White, J. Edwin	June 1908
Wilkinson, H. E.	June 1908
Cheek, Edward P.	June 1908
Thompson, J. Melvin	June 1915
Morgan, S. G.	June 1915
Vincent, J. S.	June 1915
Wilkerson, Ed W.	June 1915
Thompson, A. C.	Nov. 1923
Craig, H. B.	Oct. 1925
Fitch, A. B.	Oct. 1925
Corbett, H. V.	Oct. 1925
Pickard, C. O.	Oct. 1925
Harris, W. S.	April 1928
Holt, George E., Jr.	April 1928
Latta, John	April 1928
Holt, Alfred	April 1928
Malone, Walter	Jan. 1933
Adams, Charles	Jan. 1933
Jobe, H. Paul	Jan. 1933
Aulbert, James	Jan. 1933
Legrand, William	Jan. 1933
Wilkinson, Robert A.	Jan. 1933
Malone, C. L.	March 1947
Richmond, William	March 1947
Albright, R. Frank	March 1947
James, John Henry	March 1947
Jones, T. D.	March 1947
Webster, J. Clyde	March 1947
Porter, Charles Reid	Sept. 1949
Van Liere, William	Sept. 1949
Richmond, Ernest	Setp. 1949
Southerland, Frank	Sept. 1949
Harris, W. S. Harris, Jr.	April 1952
Crumpler, June A.	April 1952
Ferguson, Murray	April 1952
James, J. B.	April 1952
Ashley, Wilton B.	April 1952
McPherson, Billy Ed	March 1953
Jobe, Talmage	March 1953
Duncan, Alvin	Jan. 1954
McPherson, Tommy	Jan. 1954
Miller, Milton	Jan. 1955
McDade, Milton	Jan. 1955
Clark, Curtis	Jan. 1956
Lineberry, James	Jan. 1956
Henderson, W. C.	Jan. 1957
Sykes, W. D., Jr.	Jan. 1957
Foust, Dr. James A.	Jan. 1957
Rascoe, Evans	Dec. 1957

ROLL OF DEACONS continued

NAME

INSTALLED

Holt, Hal	Dec. 1957
Johnson, Jake	Dec. 1957
Rudd, Robert	Nov. 1958
Clark, James Vernon	Nov. 1958
Mehring, Robert	Nov. 1958
Dick, James	Dec. 1958
Sykes, J. C.	Dec. 1959

H I S T O R Y
PARK AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
1894-1960

By
Mrs. Melvin F. King

Rev. K. M. Misenheimer, Pastor

HISTORY
Park Avenue Presbyterian Church
by
Mrs. Melvin F. King
1960

Through the vision and foresight of a faithful minister of God--Rev. Malcolm Shields--Elmira Chapel was erected in 1894. Rev. Shields at that time was pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Burlington, N. C., and Elmira Chapel was organized to meet the spiritual needs of all those of the Elmira community. This Community Chapel, as it was known then, was instigated, erected and financed primarily by gifts from the First Church.

Approximately 19 years later on August 5, 1913, under the direction of the First Church minister, Rev. Donald McIver, a church was organized. This church was located on the corner of Durham and Tillman Streets and was called the Second Presbyterian Church because it was a branch of the First Church.

The first officers elected to serve in the new church were J. G. Pritchett and H. L. Thomas, elders, and J. R. Whitley and J. M. Miller, deacons. The church had 18 charter members and a Sunday School enrollment of 150. Capt. John E. Leiby of the Salvation Army was assistant to the pastor and was in charge of the church work, and J. W. Sharpe was the first clerk of the Session.

Eighteen letters from the First Church, Burlington, were presented for the new organization and these officially became the charter members. They were the following: H. L. Thomas, Mrs. H. L. Thomas, J. R. Whitley, Mrs. J. R. Whitley, Mrs. C. F. Leonard, Miss Blanche Leonard, Mrs. W. A. Woody, Miss Esther Baldwin, Mrs. T. J. Bennett, Robert W. Bennett, Mattie Durham, J. G. Pritchett, Mrs. J. G. Pritchett, Mrs. C. F. McIntyre, Mrs. Nora Leiby, Effie Allen, James Miller, Dozier Miller, Lucy Miller, Bertha Baldwin, Mrs. Mary Isley, and Themie Woods.

The land on which this new church was built was purchased from Rankin Gates of Burlington.

The church membership grew rather slowly in that location, and in 1951 there were only approximately 140 members on the church roll.

Under the leadership of the late Elder J. S. Waynick, who was succeeded by Elder T. E. Parks as chairman of the Building Committee, plans were made to move the location of the Second Church and build an educational building and a chapel. This structure was erected at the corner of Tarleton and Park Avenues. Because of the location, this new church was named Park Avenue Presbyterian Church. Rev. C. Linwood Cheshire, Jr., was pastor at that time and the first service was held at Park Avenue on April 22, 1951.

The church membership has grown from 18 in 1913 to 341 to date. The church has at Park Avenue the chapel, educational building and a manse for the pastor and his family. The manse is located at 421 Wildwood Lane. The church is equipped with an organ, three pianos, carpeted floor in the chapel, a fellowship hall and a modern kitchen.

Those on the staff include Rev. K. M. Misenheimer, pastor; Mrs. Frank Harvell and Miss Margaret Whitley, organists; Robert Windham, choir director; Mrs. W. B. James, church secretary; Charlie McCollum, Sexton; and each summer there is a Director of Christian Education.

Park Avenue Church was instrumental in helping the Northside Presbyterian Church to get started. Rev. Cheshire, who was minister at that time, served as pastor at Northside until they could get a full time pastor of their own. Park Avenue also gave Northside their first communion set and some hymn books. The women of the Church also gave them some literature to help get started.

The church is extremely proud of the fact that two members have gone out to become pastors. They are John Whitley and Roy Whitley, who are brothers, and are the sons of J. R. Whitley, one of the first deacons of the church in 1913. Rev. John Whitley is pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Leaksville and Rev. Roy Whitley is pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Monroe.

Park Avenue is partially supporting Miss Nancy Boyd, a missionary, who is now serving in Brazil.

As mentioned before Rev. Donald McIver was the first pastor. The first ordained minister to be installed as pastor was the Rev. J. A. Satterfield who served the church from March 14, 1914, to December 27, 1914. He was followed by Rev. J. W. Clegg who came in the spring of 1915. Mr. Clegg was succeeded by Rev. H. C. Carmichael who served from June 17, 1917, to April, 1920. The next minister was Dr. William P. McCorkle. He served from August 29, 1920, to July 16, 1922.

Rev. J. S. Jones came as pastor on June 15, 1924, and served the church until April, 1926. One of the outstanding accomplishments during Rev. Jones' ministry was the building of the church hut on Tillman Street next to the sanctuary of Second Presbyterian Church. Under the inspired leadership of this beloved pastor the Men of the Church went into the country and bought timber on the stump. They proceeded to cut the timber, bring it to the site and erect a very lovely rustic-type log hut. The hut served well as a Nursery, Beginner and Primary Departments of the Sunday School, as well as a Fellowship Hall and a meeting place for Boy and Girl Scouts.

The Rev. C. M. Brown succeeded Mr. Jones and was pastor from July 4, 1926, until December 25, 1927. Until November, 1932, when the Rev. Frank S. Blue came as pastor the church was served by a number of supply ministers. They were the Reverends Houston, Witherspoon and "Red" Turner.

Mr. Blue was followed by Rev. J. F. Brown on October 24, 1937. During the ministry of Mr. Brown the seven-room manse located at 201 Markham Street was purchased. Mr. Brown was pastor until March 2, 1941.

Rev. O. W. Perrell came in June of 1941 and served the church until January 26, 1947. It was during Mr. Perrell's ministry that the church became self-supporting for the first time. Rev. C. Linwood Cheshire, Jr., succeeded Mr. Perrell in November 1947. It was during his ministry that the present manse, at 421 Wilwood Lane, was purchased. The present pastor, Rev. K. M. Misenheimer, came September 1, 1958.

Those who served as chairmen of the Board of Deacons through the years were: John Faucette, Gordon Baldwin, Clarence E. Beckom, Roy Whitley, Will Long, Robert Windham, Clyde Johnston, Jr., J. W. Petty, Elmo Poole and G. H. Baldwin Jr. The pastor serves as moderator of the Session.

The original Building Committee for Park Avenue Church included Tom E. Parks, Chairman; Mrs. Tom E. Parks, Mrs. Gordon Baldwin, Miss Margaret Whitley, Miss Grace Cheek and Harry Clark.

The chapel at Park Avenue Church is called "Cheshire Chapel" in honor of Rev. C. Linwood Cheshire, Jr. During his ministry here Rev. Cheshire was Stated Clerk of Orange Presbytery and also served as Moderator of Orange Presbytery. When Rev. Misenheimer came to Park Avenue he was serving as Moderator of Orange Presbytery and at the present time is Permanent Clerk of the Presbytery.

The organ in the church was given in memory of J. S. Waynick by the Waynick family and choir members. The pulpit furniture, the Communion Set and Baptismal Font also were given in memory of J. S. Waynick by Mrs. J. S. Waynick and her two daughters, Mrs. Wallace P. May, Jr., and Mrs. Dexter Collins. The large Holy Bible was given in memory of J. R. Whitley by his children. The alter vases were given in memory of Lowney B. Durham by her nieces, Jean Storey and Rebecca Manning; and the offering plates were given by Mrs. J. A. Baldwin. The Live Wire Classroom was given in honor of Miss Grace Cheek by the Live Wire Class. The Earnest Workers Classroom was given in honor of the teachers and in memory of deceased members by the Earnest Workers Class. The Seniors Classroom was given in honor of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Baldwin, Sr., by their children, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Baldwin, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Carlos P. Baldwin.

H I S T O R Y

1960

PIEDMONT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rev. Carl H. Stark, Jr., Pastor

HISTORY
Piedmont Presbyterian Church
Burlington, N. C.
1960

In 1916 the Providence of God opened the way for another church to be built. At that time a street car was in operation on Rainey Street, operated by the Piedmont Electric and Power Co. The second and third ward was in the section of Burlington called Piedmont, which accounts for the name given the church.

The Rev. Mr. Donald McIver was pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Burlington, and he started visiting in this part of the city during 1910 - 1915. Then he began holding services in the homes of the community, the first in the home of Mr. H.H. Willis. Interest and response began to grow, and soon the crowds were too big to meet in homes. In the spring, one year prior to 1916, Mr. Willis made seats and placed them under the big oak tree in the yard of Mrs. Liza Tate's home. The interest of the community seemed to crystalize in the desire to have an organized church.

A financial campaign was started to raise the needed funds to build a church building. Some of the men who were interested and actively participated in raising money were Mr. Walter Sharpe, Mr. Charlie Sharpe, and Mr. Earnest Murray of the First Presbyterian Church. The Piedmont Trust Company gave the lot for the church and the contractor was O.G. Thompson, Sr. The building was completed in the latter part of 1916.

The church was organized officially by a commission from the Orange Presbytery consisting of the following: Dr. Donald McIver, Rev. S. M. Rankin, Elder J.C. Johnson, and Rev. William Black.

The first Elders were: Robert L. Barnwell, James M. Workman, and C.C. Brown.
The first Board of Deacons: Robert G. Ausley, Otis G. Thompson, and John W. Glosson.

Forty-seven people were received as charter members. They included: Robert L. Barnwell, Mrs. Annie Barnwell, John C. Barnwell, Miss Elizabeth Barnwell, Mrs. Mary B. Glenn, Mrs. Ida Mansfield, Miss Annie Mansfield, Miss Myrtle Mansfield, Mrs. Laura Thompson, Charles C. Brown, Miss Grace Brown, Mrs. Myrtle Smith, George I. Shepherd, Miss Emma Johnson, Calvin F. Workman, J. Walter Workman, Lynn Tate, William N. Mansfield, James T. Mansfield, Erwin Goins, Miss Alice Goins, William H. Brown, Miss Mary Louise Brown, Mrs. C. C. Brown, John W. Glosson, Miss Hattie Tate, Miss Pearl Tate, Miss Byrdie Tate, James M. Workman, Mrs. Hatti F. Workman, Mrs. Emma Driver, Robert G. Ausley, Mrs. Roxie Ausley, Albert D. Malone, Mrs. Addie Malone, Mrs. Mary Tate, Mrs. Novella Glosson, James Faulkner, Walter G. Nance, Mrs. Lillian Nance, Otis G. Thompson, John Alonzo Tate, Ida Bell Stuckey, Mary A. Stuckey, Clara M. Rayner, Raymond Driver, James Lee Brooks.

The first pulpit Bible was donated by Mr. H. H. Willis. Later a hand-made pulpit was made and donated to the church by Mr. W. F. Shepherd. Under the leadership of the Rev. W. C. Rourk a manse was built on the corner of Grace Avenue and St. John Street. It was built by Mr. O. G. Thompson. In the mid-thirties, a Sunday School wing was built to the sanctuary under the leadership of Rev. Earl Adkins. As a community effort, a small hut was erected back of the sanctuary and volunteer labor almost completed the project in one day. This housed some of the Sunday School classes.

Improvements were made in the sanctuary and Dr. R. E. Brooks donated panel-work behind the pulpit thus adding to the attractiveness of the sanctuary. In 1950, under the leadership of Rev. J. A. Boyd, a Christian Education building was erected behind the main building. Included on the building committee were Julian Thompson, chairman, Charlie Teer, Frank Stafford, Mrs. Avis Lamb, and Mrs. R. L. Mann.

St. John Street was paved and curbed at the instigation of interested officers of the church.

Under the leadership of Rev. Carl H. Stark, Jr. a remodeling program was started. At its completion, a consecration service was held at the morning worship hour on Sunday, April 26, 1959. The sanctuary was completely remodeled inside. New pews and pulpit furniture were added and an organ installed and dedicated. A steeple was added and the outside of the entire building brick veneered and completely new heating and air-conditioning system was installed.

The building council included: Construction Committee: Julian Thompson, general chairman, O. G. Thompson, E. W. Coleman, Ray Taylor, Mrs. Carvin Lambert, Frank Stafford, Charlie Teer.

Finance Committee: E. W. Coleman, chairman, John Bulla, Oakley Hughett, K. S. Wilkie, T. H. Payne, James Burns, John Lee, Jr., Ray Williams, John King, James Hancock, James Sykes, Clarence Forrester, Vernon Miles. Space Committee: Lewis Thompson, chairman, Mrs. Winfred Lankford, James Sykes, Mrs. Jack West.

Worship and Arts Committee: John Barnwell, chairman, Raymond Ferguson, Mrs. L. W. Riley, Mrs. O. R. McPherson, Jr., Mrs. James Hancock.

Equipment Committee: Mrs. Elizabeth Moser, chairman, J. E. Morrison, Mrs. W. L. Hart, Mrs. A. D. Malone, Dean Coleman and Mrs. Ray Williams. William Roberts was treasurer.

In recent years a choir director-organist has been added to the staff of the church, which also includes a part-time secretary and a janitor.

For a number of years, Shiloh Presbyterian Church and Piedmont were together comprising a two-church field. Mr. J. A. Boyd became the first full-time pastor of the Piedmont Church. Forty-seven persons were received as charter members in 1917, and by 1940 the church had grown to include 115 members. In 1950 there were 245 members, and in 1959, there were 380 members.

Piedmont Church has given three of its sons to the ministry: Rev. Allen Morrison, Rev. William Morrison, and Mr. Curtis Medlin, a student at Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, Ga.

During World War II the following men and women were inducted into the armed forces: Chester Adamee, Jack M. Brown, John Frank Bulla, David W. Carter, Joe Dixon, Raymond Ferguson, James Cecil Gilmore, A. W. Goins, Harold Robert Maynard, James D. McMillan, Daniel D. Michael, Vernon Miles, Harold Moore, Edgar Clyde Perry, David Shelton, Winfred Lee Sumner, Worth B. Teague, O. G. Thompson, Jr., Marjory Ward, Calvin Freeland Workman, J. William Kirkpatrick, Jacob Henry Adamee, Jr., Morrison Boone, George Coble Wilson, Otho Clifton Rogers, Merlan Moore Rogers, Frank Lee Ward, Helen Graves Loy, Mary June Perry, Howard Pitts, Julian Thompson, and Waller Workman.

During her 43-year history thirteen pastors have served Piedmont. They are: Rev. H. C. Carmichael, Rev. W. P. McCorkle, Rev. C. D. Whitely, Rev. W. C. Rourk, Rev. O. C. Houston, Rev. W. A. Peake, Rev. W. Redd Turner, Rev. Frank S. Blue, Rev. C. E. Hodgkin, Rev. J. Earle Adkins, Rev. W. C. McLauchlin, Rev. J. Alston Boyd, and Rev. Carl H. Stark, Jr.

H I S T O R Y
1917 - 1960

SHILOH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ALAMANCE ROAD
BURLINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA

Rev. Coy Bovender, Pastor

The Shiloh Presbyterian Church of Alamance Road, Burlington, North Carolina, was started as a mission work in the Eldermon Community, a suburban area, by Rev. Donald McIver, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Burlington in the Spring of 1914. The Sunday School was organized at Eldermon schoolhouse on April 12, 1914, and on February 11, 1917 the church was organized using the original Sunday School building.

Rev. Donald McIver served as pastor, superintendent, and Bible leader at the beginning. Perry Sharpe, T. H. McPherson and A. S. Ingle were among the outstanding laymen who were identified in the early stages of the development.

Charter members of the church include:

Mr. and Mrs. Perry Sharpe	Miss Mary Lou McPherson
Miss Lydia Sharpe	Mr. A. S. Ingle
Mr. Jesse S. Sharpe	Mr. Ralph Ingle
Mr. Raymond R. Sharpe	Miss Carrie Ingle
Mrs. Van Montgomery	Mrs. Ira Murrie
Miss Ethel Montgomery	Miss Lucille Murrie
Mr. and Mrs. T. H. McPherson	Mrs. Dan Anthony
Mr. Egbert McPherson	Miss Orpha Naomi Sharpe

Miss Pearl McPherson

Mrs. Van Montgomery suggested the biblical name of "Shiloh" as the name of the church, and this was adopted by the members.

Mr. D. M. Elder and family gave the land for the original church building.

A building fund for the original church was started in 1920 and by the end of the year \$354.48 had been raised. Work began in January of 1921 on the church, with much labor and materials donated. The church was completed October 29, 1922 with no indebtedness.

In 1936 three Sunday School rooms were added to the rear of the church and the basement was completed. The church was re-covered and a steeple added.

During the early part of 1937 plans were made to build a manse under the leadership of Mrs. Bunn Clapp who served as president of the women of the church. Mrs. D. M. Elder and her children gave a beautiful lot adjoining the church property. The first brick for the church manse was delivered on May 30, 1937.

The manse consists of six rooms, bath, two convertible rooms in the attic and a large roomy basement. The manse was completed in the Fall of 1937 with a total cost of \$3115.00. This amount was pledged and paid in the same year.

It is noted that the net membership as of March 31, 1938 was 86.

The first budget of the church that was accepted came to a total of \$108.00 and of this \$75.00 was for the pastor's salary.

The growth of the church was gradual and the membership for October of 1959 totalled 380. An army building was purchased at Camp Butner on May 4, 1947 and placed on the lot back of the church manse to be used as a fellowship hall. The total cost was approximately \$500.00.

On September 12, 1945 the members of Shiloh started a building fund for a new sanctuary. On July 26, 1950 the groundbreaking for the sanctuary was started with \$13,680.26 in the building fund treasury. The cost of the building with equipment is estimated at \$60,000. The sanctuary contains an auditorium with a seating capacity of 300, five classrooms, a session room, and a choir room.

On April 1, 1955 the payments on the sanctuary and furnishings were completed. On May 22, 1955 plans for the building of an educational building were discussed and the committees were selected. The construction was begun in May of 1958. The cost of the building was approximately \$95,000. The building was constructed to accommodate the entire church school with a future membership anticipated at five or six hundred--with kitchen, fellowship hall and chapel included.

Through efforts of the women of the church carpet was bought for the sanctuary as a part of the expansion program. The pews, windows and organ were donated by the members of the church.

An outpost mission was organized in April of 1948 in the community known as Veterans Drive, located one-half mile off Route 70-A West of Burlington. Rev. Hardin A. King served as pastor, with Miss Marlene Johnson as director of Christian education, and Lyle Peterson as missionary.

Ministers who have served Shiloh include:

Rev. Donald McIver	1914-1917
Rev. H. C. Carmichael	May 1917 - May 1920
Rev. Wm. P. McCorkle	May 1920 - May 1924
Rev. J. S. Jones	May 1924 - April 1928
Rev. O. C. Huston	April 1928 - Jan. 1929
Rev. Wm. Redd Turner.....	Oct. 1929 - Sept. 1932
Rev. Frank S. Blue	April 1933 - Nov. 1936
Rev. J. Earl Adkins	July 1937 - 1942
Rev. W. C. McLaughlin (Returned to China as a missionary).....	1944 - Nov. 1945
Rev. M. B. Curry	1946 - 1952
Rev. H. A. King	June 1952 - May 1960
Rev. Coy Bovender	Nov. 1960 -

P. A. Sharpe served as chairman of the Building Committee for the first church itself. Mr. (Buck) Loy and H. O. Smith were co-chairmen of the Building Committee for the new sanctuary, with the members including Burney Clapp, George Hackney, Byron Keck, and Howard Patterson. The Educational Building Committee included: Howard Pearson, as chairman, with the members including Burney Clapp, Lyman Moran, Joe Andrews, Mrs. Ira Lee, Mrs. Cecil Genard, and Miss Barbara Miles. The Building Committee for the manse included H. C. Foster, as chairman and Marvin Kellam, as treasurer, with Bunn Clapp and M. C. Loy, as members.

On March 8, 1959, the congregation moved into the new Educational Building which had approximately \$8000 in furnishings and equipment.

Memorial windows for the church are for: Mr. and Mrs. Howard Pearson, Mr. and Mrs. Bunn Clapp, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Lemmons, Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Loy, Mrs. Herman Allen, Mr. Lon Ingle's Family, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar W. Miles, Mrs. Marvin Kellam, and Miss Joy Sharpe, Mr. Marvin Kellam, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Smith, Mr. Jim Thompson, Mr. Donald Joyner, Mr. P. E. Ingle, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Foster, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hinshaw.

Pews in the church are given for: Mr. and Mrs. Howard Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Van Bethea, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Wells, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hudson, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Tapscott, Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Pearson, Mrs. Herman Allen, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Lemmons, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Webster, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Moran, Miss Joy Sharpe, Mr. and Mrs. Swain Loy, Mr. and Mrs. Talmadge Hinshaw, Mr. Jim Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Loy, and the Junior Sunday School Class of 1951 with Mrs. Marshall Lee as teacher.

Pews also are given for Mr. and Mrs. Richard Loy, Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Storey, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Pentecost, Circle #3 and Mrs. J. B. Tapscott as chairman, the Junior Boys and Girls (Mrs. Bunn Clapp 1950), Mr. and Mrs. George Hackney, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Thorne, Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Clapp.

The organ was purchased by Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Miles and family, and Circle #4 (Mrs. James W. King as chairman).

The carpet was purchased by the women of the church in 1951.

Circle #5 (Mrs. Herman Allen, Chairman) purchased the communion set and the pulpit chair.

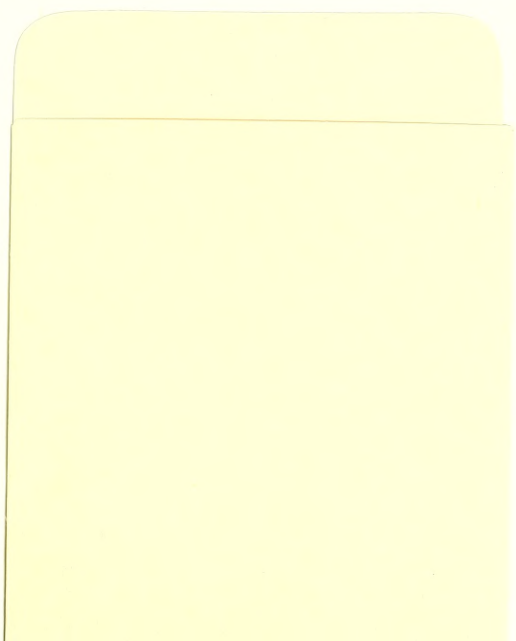
Women of the church purchased the piano and Baptismal Font.

Jim Thompson purchased the offering plates.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Loy furnished the Assembly Hall with pews, pulpit furniture, and blinds.

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

M. C. Loy, Chairman
 B. A. Clapp
 Oscar Lemmons
 Lyman Moran
 Mrs. Oscar Loy
 Mrs. John W. Garrett, Secretary



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